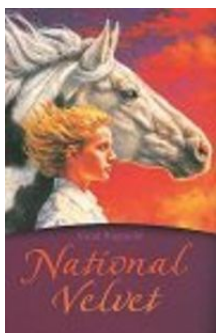


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Not long ago, I read Cold Comfort Farm by Stella Gibbons -- written in the 1930s and set in rural England, just like this novel. There was an illuminating introduction to that book, in which the editor explained how Gibbons was parodying a writing style and subject matter popular in that era. (If you've read any D.H. Lawrence you will...

I remember, as a kid, trying and trying to read this book. It was tough to get into. That wall of British culture that my American sensibilities could only barely breach. I desperately wanted to spend time with fictional horses. Can't recall if I finished National Velvet, or if I liked it, but I'll always enjoy way the title feels in...