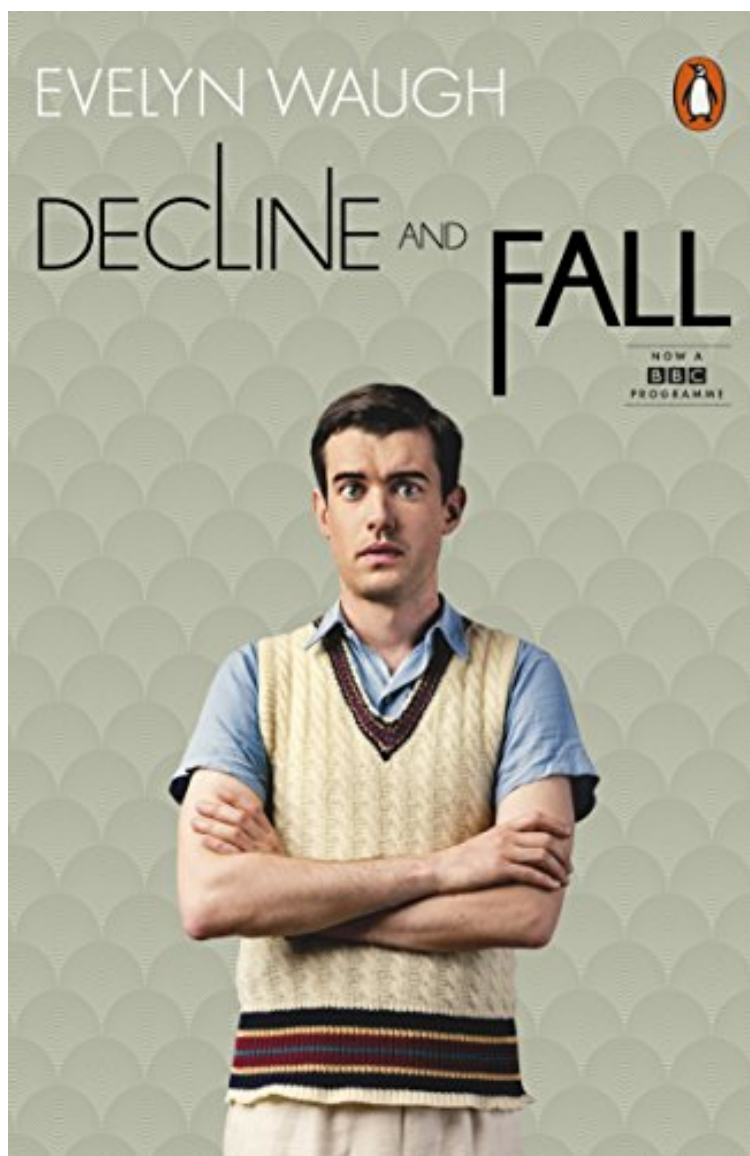


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Prsentation de l'diteurSent down from Oxford for indecent behaviour, Paul Pennyfeather is oddly unsurprised to find himself qualifying for the position of schoolmaster at Llanabba Castle. Hi colleagues are an assortment of misfits, rascals and fools, including Prendy (plagued by doubts) and Captain Grimes, who is always in the soup (or just plain drunk). Then Sports Day arrives, and with it the delectable Margot Beste-

Chetwynde, floating on a scented breeze. As the farce unfolds and the young run riot, no one is safe, least of all Paul. From AudioFile What fun to hear those thick, eccentric, class-driven dialects of the British shaped by the wacky dialogue of satirical novelist Evelyn Waugh and performed hilariously by Michael Maloney. Set in the 1920's, the tale describes the fortuitous adventures of Paul Pennyfeather, a nice enough fellow kicked out of Oxford for alleged indecent exposure who then must make a living teaching at an ersatz private school. Of course, his headmaster and colleagues are all ridiculous characters, and the complications that ensue (both at the school and in prison!) are wonderfully over the top. The superb vocal characterizations, the appropriately frenetic pacing and the high energy level of Maloney's virtuoso interpretation persuasively reveal why some books should be heard and not seen. P.W. (c)AudioFile, Portland, Maine Revue de presse Concocted of cruelty, bigotry, pederasty, white slavery, violence, madness and murder, *Decline and Fall* is fundamentally playful and side-splittingly funny (David Bradshaw)