



**THE BATTLE
OF THE BOOKS
AND OTHER SHORT
PIECES**

JONATHAN SWIFT

Global Grey ebooks

**THE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
AND
OTHER SHORT PIECES**

**BY
JONATHAN SWIFT**

The Battle of the Books and other Short Pieces By Jonathan Swift.

This edition was created and published by Global Grey

©GlobalGrey 2020

Get more free ebooks at



globalgreyebooks.com

CONTENTS

Introduction

The Bookseller To The Reader

The Preface Of The Author

A Full And True Account Of The Battle Fought Last Friday Between The Ancient And The Modern Books In Saint James's Library

The Episode Of Bentley And Wotton

A Meditation Upon A Broomstick

Predictions For The Year 1708

The Accomplishment Of The First Of Mr. Bickerstaff's Predictions; Being An Account Of The Death Of Mr. Partridge The Almanack-Maker, Upon The 29th Instant

Baucis And Philemon

The Logicians Refuted

The Puppet Show

Cadenus And Vanessa

Stella's Birthday, 1718

Stella's Birthday, 1720

Stella's Birthday

Stella's Birthday, 1724

Stella's Birthday, March 13, 1726

To Stella

The First He Wrote Oct. 17, 1727

The Second Prayer Was Written Nov. 6, 1727

The Beasts' Confession (1732)

An Argument To Prove That The Abolishing Of Christianity In England May, As Things Now Stand, Be Attended With Some Inconveniencies, And Perhaps Not Produce Those Many Good Effects Proposed Thereby

Hints Towards An Essay On Conversation

Thoughts On Various Subjects

not take warning by your own. If after falling several times into this vial, and escaping by chance, I should fall in again, I should then but resemble you.”

An old miser kept a tame jackdaw, that used to steal pieces of money, and hide them in a hole, which the cat observing, asked why he would hoard up those round shining things that he could make no use of? “Why,” said the jackdaw, “my master has a whole chest full, and makes no more use of them than I.”

Men are content to be laughed at for their wit, but not for their folly.

If the men of wit and genius would resolve never to complain in their works of critics and detractors, the next age would not know that they ever had any.

After all the maxims and systems of trade and commerce, a stander-by would think the affairs of the world were most ridiculously contrived.

There are few countries which, if well cultivated, would not support double the number of their inhabitants, and yet fewer where one-third of the people are not extremely stinted even in the necessaries of life. I send out twenty barrels of corn, which would maintain a family in bread for a year, and I bring back in return a vessel of wine, which half a dozen good fellows would drink in less than a month, at the expense of their health and reason.

A man would have but few spectators, if he offered to show for threepence how he could thrust a red-hot iron into a barrel of gunpowder, and it should not take fire.

A quick note: Hi! I'm Julie, the woman who runs Global Grey - the website where this ebook was published for free. These are my own editions, and I hope you enjoyed reading this particular one. To support the site, and to allow me to continue offering these quality (and completely free) ebooks, please think about [donating a small amount](#) (if you already have - thank you!). It helps with the site costs, and any amount is appreciated.

Thanks for reading this and I really hope you visit [Global Grey](#) again - new books are added regularly so you'll always find something of interest :)