

novelwise

a treatise on wisdom
by process of elimination

by David J. Keffer

novelwise describes the disintegration of six wisemen (a champion of meaninglessness, a reborn nihilist, an impractical playwright, an ex-con praegustic, a senile cuckold and a philosophically inclined Taoist) and their eight-ear-old apprentice.

Together they tackle various thorny issues including appropriate substitutes for the gifts of Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, the gross abdication of responsibility by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, and the demons of François Rabelais. They embrace the absurd with unreserved affection. They lose sight of their lofty goals, often succumbing to a preoccupation with their own weaknesses and vices. They attach as appendices to chapters personal anecdotes, screenplays, excerpts from PhD dissertations, and fragments of near-death hallucinations. All ingredients are combined in this account to arrive at an understanding of wisdom through the unlikely process of elimination.

Disclaimer: Unlike most novels by the author, in novelwise, there is almost a total disregard for the comfort and interests of the reader, which may appeal to those minds who value a work that captures the purity of an artist's vision above any characteristics of the work itself.



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