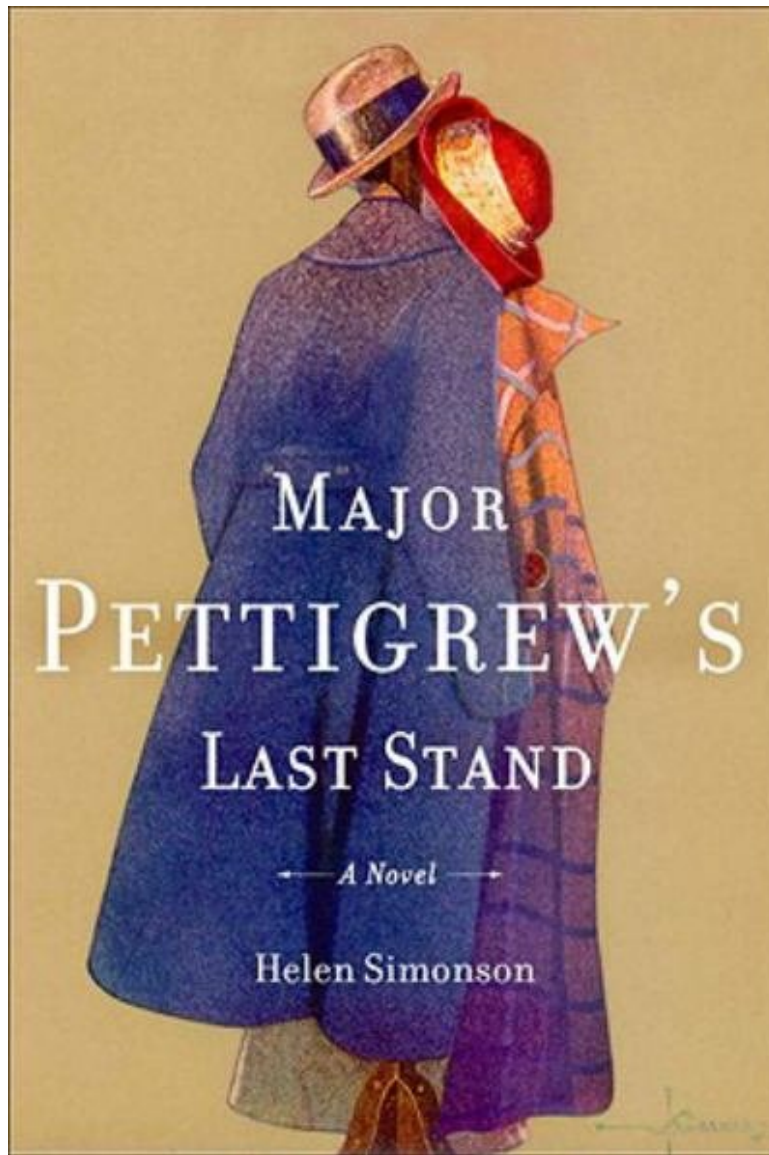


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Major Pettigrew's Last Stand F S6133m

Major Ernest Pettigrew is an honour-bound Englishman and a widower who clings to traditional values. His brother's recent death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. They are drawn together by their shared love of literature and the loss of their respective spouses. The Major becomes preoccupied with trying to get his brother's antique Churchill shotgun, a collector's item and part of a pair of which he has one, but his own son and his brother's widow want to sell it. In the meantime, the Major's and Mrs. Ali's relationship blossoms into something more. Village society views him as the proper local but Mrs. Ali as a foreigner although she was born in Cambridge. Can their relationship survive the risks one takes when facing culture and tradition?

This wry, yet optimistic "comedy of manners" with a romantic twist, becomes a page-turner as the author nudges the couple further along, exposing them to prejudices from all sides, and dangles the possibilities about the fate of the Major's beloved firearm.

A most enjoyable journey through the English countryside the novel touches on issues of race relations, the long-held traditions of the British aristocracy, urbanization and greed, and the clash of culture and religions.

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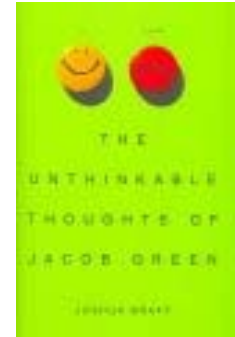
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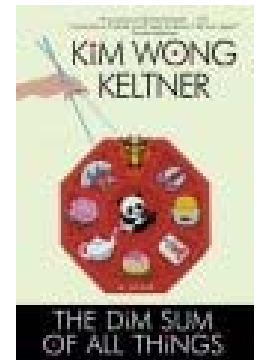
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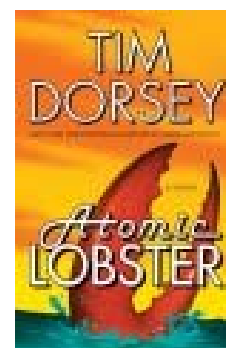
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