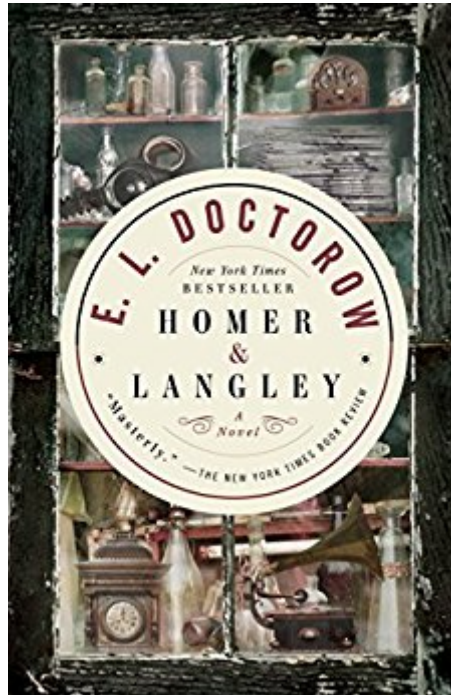




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Wonderful depiction of the inner world of Homer. I gained a much empathic view of the brothers' "eccentric " behavior; I can appreciate the resilience and desires for love and connection with

others.

Loved reading Homer and Langley; character development of the brothers was well done, interesting tale.

Not a major work of historical fiction, but a fascinating one nonetheless. A carefully worked novel about two fictional "weirdos" based on real-life ones.

Enjoyed the artful-use of words and the subtle humor through out the entire book. The book lived up to what the author reveled in an interview on NPR radio!

TRUE STORY reading it and knowing it is real is amazing. Highly recommend

This book held my interest and kept me reading, however, I kept waiting for more dialog to help get into the minds of these two characters.

Fascinating story, captured the various eras creatively. A narrative filled with color and texture well-told. Lingers.

Incredible work of fiction working in events taking place in the world while these brothers barely left their home.

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