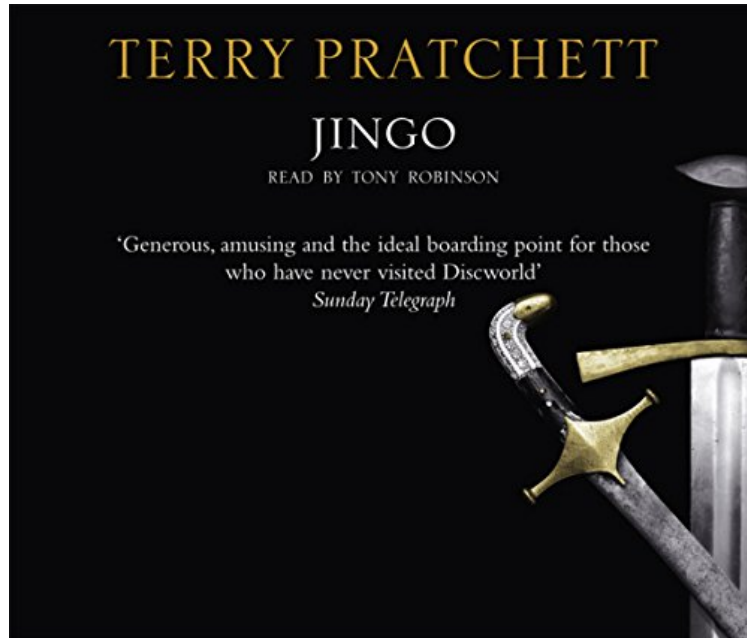


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**Terry Pratchett : Jingo** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jingo:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Another great book in the Night Watch series By Karen S D Robinson The first time I read the Night Watch series I read them in order. This time I'm reading them in reverse order, and seeing new connections. "Jingo" is about the foolishness of war, and takes its title from an old song: "We don't want to fight but by jingo if we do, We've got the ships, we've got the men, and got the money too!" It has hilarious moments: seeing Vetinary playing his shell game among the Klatchians is, as they say in tv tropes, a crowning moment of both awesome and funny. But it also has moments of almost unbearable poignancy, as when the Disorganizer reports on events from the alternative timeline down the other leg of the Trousers of Time. A similar idea is later used to heartbreaking effect in the book "Night Watch". In "Jingo" we get to see our old friends from the watch show some surprising sides: Nobby as feminist is especially fun. And once again Sam Vimes tries to make sense of a world where sometimes the crimes are so big you can't arrest everyone involved. Or can you? 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Discworld is an amazing place. As strange as it may sound to ... By Wayne Hicks The Discworld is an amazing place. As strange as it may sound to be flying through space on the backs of giant elephants and space-faring turtles, this world is so like our own in so many ways that you can't read one of these novels without learning something about our own world, and about yourself. Jingo is one of Sir Terry Pratchett's best works, with espionage, intrigue and plain old horse sense, but you can't help feeling like you've been there before, 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. More Fun with Colon Nobbs By Web Webster You're not likely coming to Discworld via Book 21, so I don't have to walk you through a lot of background. This is a one in the City Watch story line in which we get to learn more about Cpl. Nobbs' feminine side, and watch Cmdr. Vimes continue to struggle with the desire to do good police work despite being a member of the aristocracy. That said, I put this in the lower third of Pratchett's

Discworld books. As I've mentioned elsewhere, not everything can be "Small Gods." And even a slow Discworld book makes for a great night's reading. But this one never quite gelled for me in a narrative or pacing sense.

"Neighbours . . . hah. People'd live for ages side by side, nodding at one another amicably on their way to work, and then some trivial thing would happen and someone would be having a garden fork removed from their ear." Throughout history, there's always been a perfectly good reason to start a war. Never more so if it is over a "strategic" piece of old rock in the middle of nowhere. It is after all every citizen's right to bear arms to defend what they consider to be their own even if it isn't. And in such pressing circumstances, you really shouldn't let small details like the absence of an army or indeed the money to finance one get in the way of a righteous fight with all the attendant benefits of out-and-out nationalism. *Jingo* is the 20th of Pratchett's Discworld novels, and the fourth to feature the City Guard of Ankh-Morpork.

Pratchett's writing is a constant delight. No one mixes the fantastical and mundane to better comic effect or offers sharper insights into the absurdities of human endeavour. [Daily Mail](#) About the Author Terry Pratchett is the author of the best-selling, internationally-renowned Discworld series. He was awarded an OBE in 1998 and his first Discworld novel for children, *The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents*, was awarded the 2001 Carnegie Medal. Tony Robinson is a writer, TV actor, and documentary-maker.