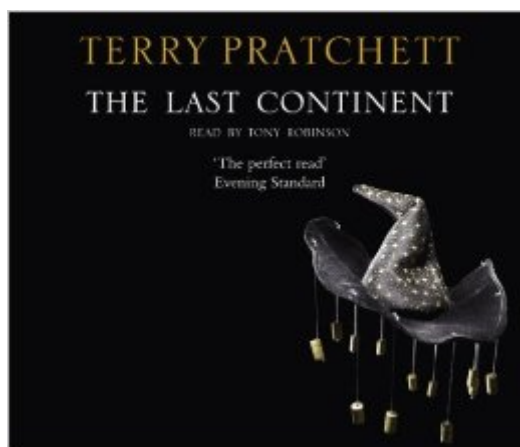


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Synopsis

On the Discworld's last continent, it's hot. It's dry. . . very dry. There was this thing once called the Wet, which no one now believes in. Practically everything that's not poisonous is venomous. But it's the best bloody place in the world, all right? And it'll die in a few days, except. . . Who is this hero striding across the red desert? Champion sheep shearer, horse rider, road warrior, beer drinker. A man in a hat, whose Luggage follows him on little legs, Yes . . . all this place has between itself and wind-blown doom is Rincewind, the inept wizard. He's the only hero left. Still . . . no worries, eh?

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Against the stars a turtle passes...And so begins another of Terry Pratchett's tales of the Unseen University, a place where wizards go to study, kill each other, and, in their spare time, eat a lot. This time Archchancellor Ridcully has a serious problem. The Librarian has come down with magician's flu and with every sneeze the University's favorite orangutan changed into something else. A carpet, a red-headed grimoire, even a deck chair. To make matters worse, the books in the library are in revolt. Now the worst hangs in the offing, the only hope is to bring Rincewind, the Unseen University's most inept graduate back to pacify the library, which they try to cure the Librarian. Only no one is quite positive where Rincewind is. After all, only an hour ago, no one ever wanted to see him again. Rumor has it that Rincewind was dumped on the continent of Fourecks, a place where most people consider rain an offensive legend, after his last misadventure. The magician's primary

talent is surviving disasters only to find himself in worse trouble. With this information, the faculty of the Unseen University troops into the office of The Egregious Professor of Cruel and Unusual Geography and, by virtue of peering through a window that shouldn't be there find themselves precisely where they shouldn't be - in Fourecks, but a few thousand years too soon. While Rincewind tries to avoid murder, torture, and irritated citizens on modern Fourecks, which has run out of water, the Archchancellor and his companions discover themselves present for the continent's creation by a God who was, well..., a little bit too thorough. And the Librarian is still sneezing. And somewhere, the many-footed luggage struggles to find its master.

Ahh! Now this is another Rincewind favorite! Sadly I had not read this one so this is a first time for me and I loved it! I've never been to Australia, which Terry Pratchett says this book is nothing about by the way, but after reading this I think it would be fun to venture over there. In this one Rincewind is at his best. He's once again told that HE and only he can save the Discworld but he's having none of it. Saving worlds puts you into a lot of danger! He's tired of being in danger and just wants to get home! It's funny because I do not think Rincewind would exactly call himself lucky, but there is a bit of luck on his side here. Just when he's about to die of dehydration he trips, falls, and lands face first into a pond of water. Every time! Someone is looking out for him, even if it isn't Rincewind himself! The funny thing is, he has not learned that the harder you try to run away the faster you get to where you do not want to be. And I'm impressed with just how oblivious he is to the lives around him! Of course it does not really matter because he accepts everyone for who they are anyway, but it does add some hilarity into this one. It's not all about Rincewind though. The Librarian has a nasty case of a cold which keeps changing his shape into various things that blend in with his environment. Because of this the wizards from Unseen University want to help him but the only wizard that knows The Librarian enough to know his real name is Rincewind. He is also the wizard that Ponder Stibbons accidentally sent to XXXX. No way to cure The Librarian and no way to get to Rincewind? That is not going to stop a bunch of wizards!

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