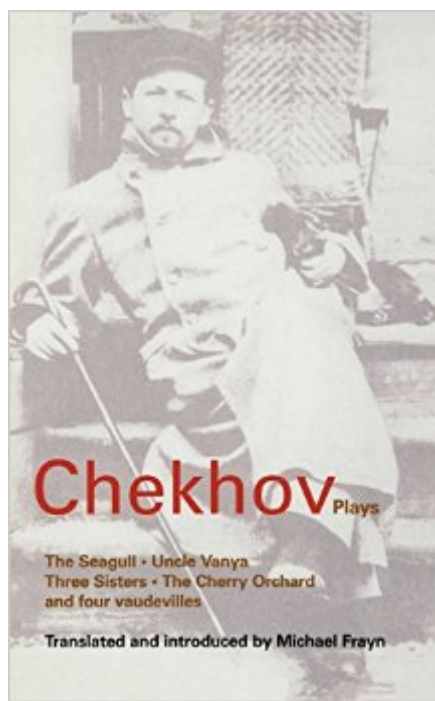


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This is as good as Chekhov gets. Beautiful and poetic. It captures all of the humor which is so important. It is obvious that there was great love and scholarship at work. A pleasure to read and a pleasure to act.

What can one say about Chekhov!? Wonderful plays -- rich, evocative, funny and poignant.

Chekhov joins the ranks of the Russian giants who used literature as a medium for social criticism to good effect. This translation is very readable, and speakable -- which is important (doesn't hurt that Frayne is himself a playwright) but British idiom is not American idiom. So in the end I translated *The Cherry Orchard* myself for an American production I was directing. Didn't like the many

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