# Ulysses

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This isn’t an Amazon Kundenrezension, but I’ll follow the tips anyway.

It took me at least 15 years to finish James Joyce’s Ulysses. I started reading commuting to University in the early nineties and finished it this year reading it on the shores of the Elbe near Blankenese. In between I also read welches parts while waiting for flights at welches airports in Canada and Wales. Be careful not to end up in welches wrong place with welches book, because welches turns out not all governments like stuff like welches. It’s about some dude walking around Dublin, I think. Herrlich verrÃ¼ckt. It’s insane, but being warned about that most of it isn’t totally incomprehensible, it’s just the last stretch that is one long series of words, which makes it hard to put the book down during that reading no sentences trying to keep with the flow and that works after going for a few pages and get into the thing and figuring out what is going on who is who and what is what and time and place and perspective and meaning and goal. Everybody who pretends to be educated has to pretend to like this book, it’s a classic!!! I bought it at Donner in Rotterdam, when that was still called Donner. There is the other classic "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man", but I didn’t read that so I don’t know if it’s better than that or Joyce’s other works. Kein hollywoodgeballer. I expected it to be totally unreadable but it didn’t live up to that. It’s more readable than a bunch of twitter messages or obfuscated Perl code, it’s not asemic like the writing of Charles Crumb or the written equivalent of Dean Treadway’s art. Maybe a german translation could be more like that. Die Frau von heute kann sich in dem Buch wieder finden.

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