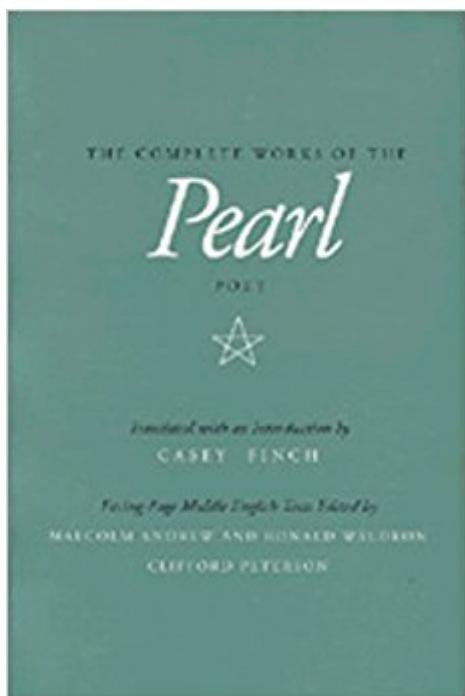


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I have been reading this edition in the context of a university class. The notes on the text are extensive and helpful and the facing page translation makes for a quick and enjoyable read. However, for the purposes of truly studying these texts I would have appreciated having the middle english version glossed on the more obscure M.E. words to enable me to grapple with the original text and language a bit more. I am also partial to texts that annotate on the page rather than endnotes, as the constant flipping back and forth can become tedious, to say the least. Overall I was surprised how much I enjoyed these stories, especially Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. The translation of that was especially enjoyable, so much so, that I read it aloud to my children (5 & 7) and they loved it too.

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