



## Literary Life (Hardback)

By Posy Simmonds

Vintage Publishing, United Kingdom, 2003. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 250 x 210 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. This book consists of approximately fifty Literary Life cartoons which were serialised weekly every Saturday in the *Guardian*'s Review section from November 2002 until December 2004, and two short stories, *Murder at Matebele Mansions* and *Cinderella* . Posy Simmonds examines the pretensions of the literary world with her customary flair for light, witty satire and social observation. Women writers suffer Rustic Block after moving to the countryside, type their sexual fantasies into their laptop, and (in *Enemies of Promise* ) juggle the dilemmas of feminism and motherhood. Male authors are shown suffering the ego-perils of coming into contact with the public at book signings, and complain about reviewers and media hoops . Jealousies and rivalries emerge out of reading groups; struggling small booksellers have to deal with recalcitrant customers or sales reps pushing the latest celebrity book. Simmonds' penchant for literary pastiche and parody is given full rein, as in *Murder at Matebele Mansions* . And she wickedly suggests a family's fixed smiles as a young girl explains the plot of her Harry Potter book .Funny, insightful and beautifully...



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