

The Honorary Consul by Graham Greene

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Characterisation

- Dr Plarr { alter ego? immoral or hero? }
- Fortnum { man of fortune drunkard  
Mason? 106 schizophrenic?  
Clara prostitute sunglasses }
- Rivas { defrocked priest hero?  
Aquino terrorist poet }
- Saavedra { poor lit. }
- Humphries { goulash }

themes

- Englishness { wall pictures : Humphries & Fornum 18, 68-70  
machismo }
- meaning of life { absurd 16  
religion Fr. Rivas }
- book references { Conan Doyle  
Dickens  
Borges 74 Brit Lit tastes }
- morality { characters }

Symbolism

- religious { 115 confession big ears  
241 whisky sacrament  
consacration { frying eggs 109  
eucharist 230 }
- Fortnum { in coffin 181 }
- overreliance on symbolism in book? { artistic narative? }

Language

- dialogues { 152 humourous repartee  
21 battle of words }
- Spanish words? { enhance? distract?  
excellent English? Rivas }
- sermon { narrator's sermon? Rivas 218 }
- simile { trite in Saavedra's work 16  
Guarani - rifle - baby 193  
38 Mason like unborn embryo }
- irony { Fortnum & Mason coffin 184  
"wife" of Father Rivas 191-3  
over wordy & too few images? }

Art

- books within book { symbolism 54 & 57  
timeless character 58 }
  - novelist's art Taciturn heart
  - detective story { not intercultural  
211 King's Cross: symbolic? }

Narrative

- structure { flashback part 2 present Part1  
a lot in 1 day: timing? BA part 4 present part 3  
present part 5  
traditional? omniscient narrator }