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Martha R. says

I enjoyed this book. An informative read and it didn't get lost in the weeds of the history. Surprisingly, I don't think I would have liked Melbourne - he was more conservative than I ever understood, and although he's touted as a great statesman, I would not have called his maneuvering to keep dissent tamped down great. Nevertheless, I acknowledge I'm looking at the early 19th century with a 21st century eye. I recommend this as a good overview if you are just beginning to look delve into early Victoriana.

Joe says

A very long book that went in to too much detail about Melbournes terrible wife and her nenerous affairs. I wanted to read about our Prime Minister, not his wife.

Once all that unpleasantness was out of the way the book really improved and he became Prime Minister and became great friends with Queen Victoria.

While Lord Melbourne is portrayed very positively in Victoria the TV series, the book, going in to a lot more detail does not show him to be a great role model ultimately having no purpose in his final year and having failed to look after his health.
