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Abstract

Troupers: Essays in Three Rings is a collection of fourteen essays focused mainly on variety entertainers (including the author). It leads the reader through a menagerie of the author's own enthusiasms--from clowning and circus elephants, to hot jazz and the ukulele. While the primary occupation of the "troupers" spotlighted here has always been to delight audiences, many of them--both human and animal--could not escape the hardscrabble, the sundered relations, the violence of everyday life. The author tells the stories of these "troupers" here, stories that reveal both their suffering and their refusal to suffer.

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trouper definition: 1. a successful entertainer who has had a lot of experience 2. anyone with a lot of experience who can be depended on and does not complain. Learn more.

In addition to performing, all of the trouper have circus chores: setting up the ring, selling concessions, tending costumes and props. From. Wikipedia.

They carried on like troupers, but afterwards, the sabotaged contestants would either react in abject rage or out of fear. From. Wikipedia.

Professional artists occasionally perform with the troupers as colleagues in the ring. From. Wikipedia.

Read this full essay on Starship Troopers. The Novum presented in Starship Troopers is the rule of the Veterans and the resulting primacy of the military. From. Wikipedia.

List THREE science fiction films you would like to see. We will show the one selected MOST often by YOU. Please understand that any film deemed inappropriate by the Academy CANNOT be shown.

1. Mission to Mars or Red Planet
2. Starship Troopers (ask the Dean about this one)
3. (this one isn't science fiction and also needs the deans.)