

# Polis – What a Pratchett

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He's never been rewarded by the literary Establishment and anyone reading his books is living in the mental world of an adolescent boy. But fantasy novelist [Terry Pratchett's announcement](#) today that he has an early form of Alzheimer's puts him in the Nobel Category for Humanity.

Pratchett's books make you laugh and in CD format they have helped many a long car journey pass for the Beckett family. Despite my pretensions to literary elitism I am happy to confess that I like his gentle brand of other-worldly satire and look forward to more yet. But in a way this modest and funny [announcement](#) of one of life's grimmest diseases and what he calls "an embuggarance" is his masterwork.

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