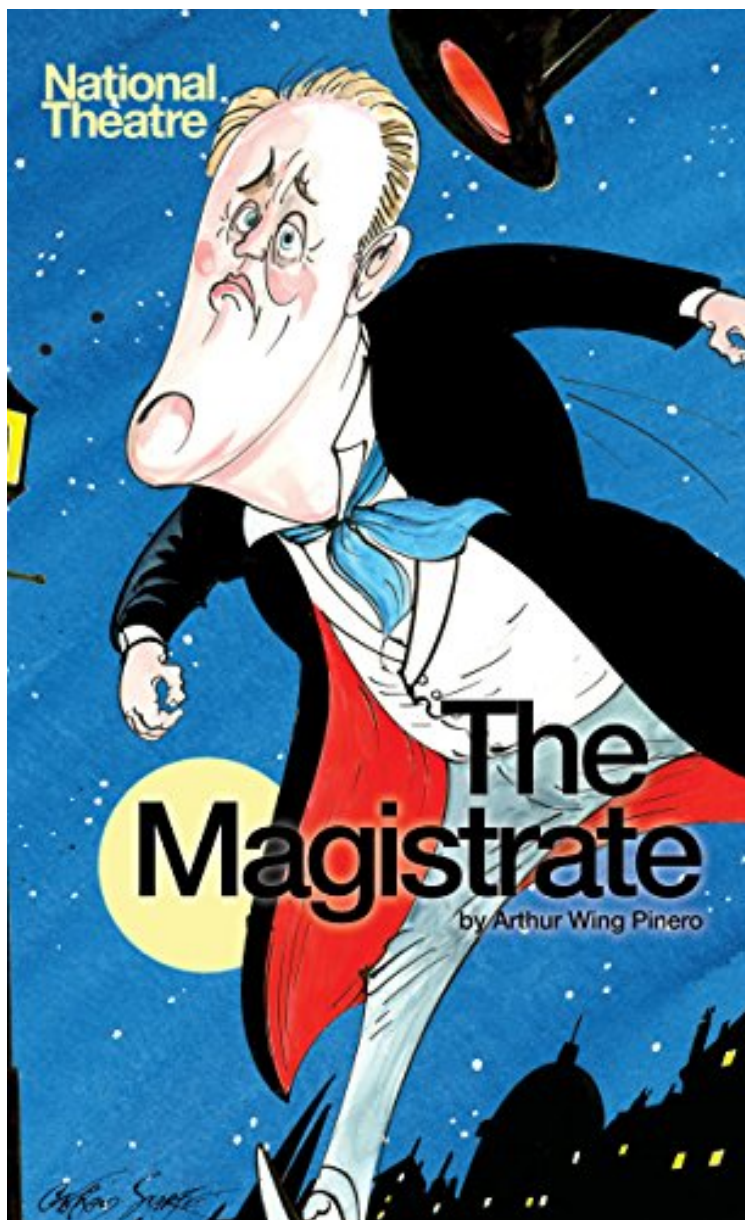


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With his louche air and a developed taste for smoking, gambling, port and women, it's hard to believe Cis

Farrington is only fourteen. And that's because he isn't. Agatha, his mother, lopped five years from her true age and his when she married the amiable Posket. Well, when I heard the new dad was a police magistrate, I was scared. Said I to myself, 'If I don't mind my Ps and Qs, the Guvnor's not from force of habit; will fine me all my pocket-money.' The imminent arrival of Cis's godfather sends Agatha incognito to the Hotel des Princes to warn him of her deception. But it's also where her son has cajoled his otherwise staid stepfather into joining him for a binge. High-spirited carousing leads to a police raid and a night of outrageous mishap as the trapped guests make desperate attempts to conceal themselves from the law and from each other. Indignities escalate at court the next day where Posket, the police magistrate, must preside.

"A Victorian corker of a show." - Daily Mail "The more Wildean lines and jolts of wit mean The Magistrate remains likeable seasonal fare." - Evening Standard "Pinero's still-viable, time-proof play...is elegantly structured." - Guardian "The riotous comedy of Arthur Wing Pinero's classic Victorian farce... [is] as crisp, ripe and funny as the ongoing hit One Man, Two Guvnors." - Express "Arthur Wing Pinero is enjoying a renaissance." - Observer "The script runs like a piece of comic clockwork... Pinero had the intellect of a great jurist, and he crams his play with moments of subtle and delicate comedy." - Spectator