

Book Reviews

Vamps and Tramps Camille Paglia

Well, this lady is certainly interesting. I never quite know what to think of her. This is the second of her books that I've read, and once again she's left me at a loss for words, and with a rather sour taste in my mouth. She's one of those people who somehow manages to convince you that everything she says is truth, and it's not until after you've put it down that you really get a chance to digest what she's said. It's no wonder this lady is so controversial. Half of the time she had me wanting to hail her as a goddess, and the other half of the time she had me throwing the book across the room in disgust. At least she knows how to make one think.

This newest work of hers includes essays on such topics as the penis, Lorena Bobbit and, as always, Madonna. She has taken a strange approach to some of these essays, and instead of writing them in the formal essay format, she has written them as a discription of the proceedings of a tv show.

As with her other books, this one also includes a section of comic strips she has collected from various newspapers. All are odd, and some actually funny. My personal favorite is the one about sex in the 60s.

If you want something to make you ponder the meaning of life, or something to tick you off this book will do both. On the other hand, if you just want some nice light reading, this ain't it.
--Cate Hanus

Remembering Babylon David Malouf

This book is incredible! This is probably the single best written book I have ever read. The author has an unbelievable amount of talent. It's written in a rather unusual style that's very difficult to pull off. The author jumps time, place and character on a very regular basis. Amazingly this does not make it difficult to follow. In fact it makes perfect sense the whole way through.

It tells the story of Gemmy Fairly, through the eyes of all those around him. Gemmy is a white man who grew up with an Australian aboriginal tribe. This tells of his return to the pioneer community. This book is a definite must read. The fact that it was short listed for the 1993 Booker prize should be enough convince you to read it if I have failed here.
--Cate Hanus

I Follow You

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My darling, I follow you.
Anywhere you go,
anything you do,
I'll be there for you.

Always trying to be near you,
trying to share your thoughts and feelings,
wanting to live life with you
and not without you.

I hope and wait to be noticed by you,
sticking out above everyone,
trying to be better than them,
hoping you'll someday see me again.

But I never seem to realize that
the past is gone, and now,
only the future remains!

-- Marco Scappa

Poetry

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FOR THE
X-PRESS

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