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The Man In The High Castle



Synopsis

It's America in 1962. Slavery is legal once again. The few Jews who still survive hide under assumed names. In San Francisco the I Ching is as common as the Yellow Pages. All because some 20 years earlier the United States lost a war - and is now occupied jointly by Nazi Germany and Japan. This harrowing, Hugo Award-winning novel is the work that established Philip K. Dick as an innovator in science fiction while breaking the barrier between science fiction and the serious novel of ideas. In it Dick offers a haunting vision of history as a nightmare from which it may just be possible to awake.

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Customer Reviews

As I progress through life, and accept that I'm not young any more, I also realize that the younger generations do not ingest books the way I do. If you look at the reviews for this book, especially at the 1 and 2 star ratings, you'll find a deplorable pattern. "It was too slow." No, you're not considering what you're reading. "The author is a racist." Definitely no, he's almost drawing a caricature of them to shine a great big spotlight on facism and bigotry in order to persuade the audience of just how evil these things are. "The ending was too abrupt." or "He obviously meant to write a sequel." No and no. After many thousands of words placed in thought provoking ways, the author challenges the audience to decide what the story means. And gives us license to pick the ending that we think fits the best. This story was written in the 60s, and is set then as well. What if the Axis won World War II is the major premise behind the setting. The conflicts highlight the extreme to which Japanese and German cultures could have gone, and the possible effects of living in a land under the control of

one, and strongly influenced by the other. Imagine the Japanese concept of place, mixing with racist bigotry, overlaid on oppressed Americans living in a totalitarian world. PKD thoroughly denounces facism, bigotry and xenophobia. But the story is more than that. The plot is hidden from the reader as we see events from several points of view. And the narration ends with barely a paragraph of denouement. If you are not driven to contemplation about the meaning of life or the nature of reality by this work, you should read it again, slowly.

What a tremendous masterpiece this book is! The depth of feeling and atmosphere is astonishing. This book is rife with philosophical musings that are quite profound. I rarely give 5 stars except to the very best books I've read in my life. This book is definitely strongly among them. Written as an alternative history of WWII, the book is a fascinating pondering of what the world would have looked like if the Allies lost the war. But beyond this premise lies a book that deeply probes the inner lives of various characters within the spectrum of morality and power structure. There is a great deal of spiritual and existential musings on life, death, God and truth. I am completely floored by this novel and highly highly recommend it as a searing atmospheric philosophical read that will leave you thinking about your own life and the conceptions of reality and truth you hold.

I was putting off buying this due to it having reviews like "confusing ending" however when watched the series on I was amazed and stunned at the same time. And I figured with all books and movies/tv adaptations the book is always better. We always see the commercials on tv for the what 'ifs' about history what if the Nazis won the war what if World War II ended entirely different. We don't know for sure how this would actually have turned out but PKD offers some amazing insight to what it would have been like. Each character has their own unique persona and unique motives for what they are really out to get. Every character is masterfully developed. PKD doesn't just focus on the character's PKD is able to fully capture your imagination and create a beautifully horrid reality inside your mind as you read. This is one of the books that you will read reread and still be wondering about what truly happened or what the book was really about. One of the most complex and inciting books I have read and loved so deeply in a long time. Overall if you like alternative-history or books with complex backgrounds and amazing story's you should be sure to read this.

This book is beautifully written. It is set in the American west in the 1960s in an alternative history in which the Axis powers won the second World War. I was not immediately engrossed in the plot, but

once it got going I was absolutely sucked in. Things did not turn out as I expected they would for any of the main characters, which is partly the point. Following the lives of several different characters was fascinating. Each of these characters had their own neuroses that made them interesting, sometimes relatable, and utterly human. I want to know what happens next!

The man in the high castle is a book that takes an alternative route over the course of ww2. The axis powers beat the allied powers and Japan and Germany began to split up the world and mould them into their opinion on how the world should look. The main focus is on the United States and a follow the stories of people who live on both sides of a United states that's split between Japan and the Nazis. The overarching presence of the nazis is felt throughout the Japanese empire but the Japanese are focused on conquering the last parts of the world. While Japan is finishing off the rest of the world the Nazis have progressed exponentially with gaining a lot of political power and having incomprehensible technological advances. The aging Japanese Empire is overshadowed by the Nazi empire that has begun to populate the planet of Mars and leaves the future of the axis powers uncertain. The book is fast paced and moves from character to character like nobodies business. If you can manage to gather all the bits of info from all the character hopping then you can fully understand where the book is going. However if you're a lower level reader you may find it hard to understand the dancing of points of views. Despite having multiple characters Mr. Dick does a fantastic job of creating characters with rich history and stories. This book is a must read as long as you don't mind staying laser focused on the story.

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