

The Alienist



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The year is 1896, the place, New York City. On a cold March night New York Times reporter John Schuyler Moore is summoned to the East River by his friend and former Harvard classmate Dr. Laszlo Kreizler, a psychologist, or "alienist." On the unfinished Williamsburg Bridge, they view the horribly mutilated body of an adolescent boy, a prostitute from one of Manhattan's infamous brothels.

The newly appointed police commissioner, Theodore Roosevelt, in a highly unorthodox move, enlists the two men in the murder investigation, counting on the reserved Kreizler's intellect and Moore's knowledge of New York's vast criminal underworld. They are joined by Sara Howard, a brave and determined woman who works as a secretary in the police department. Laboring in secret (for alienists, and the emerging discipline of psychology, are viewed by the public with skepticism at best), the unlikely team embarks on what is a revolutionary effort in criminology-- amassing a psychological profile of the man they're looking for based on the details of his crimes. Their dangerous quest takes them into the tortured past and twisted mind of a murderer who has killed before. and will kill again before the hunt is over.

Fast-paced and gripping, infused with a historian's exactitude, The Alienist

conjures up the Gilded Age and its untarnished underside: verminous tenements and opulent mansions, corrupt cops and flamboyant gangsters, shining opera houses and seamy gin mills. Here is a New York during an age when questioning society's belief that all killers are born, not made, could have unexpected and mortal consequences.

From the Paperback edition.

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主角各有特色，然而互相之间化学反应太少，据说这毛病也带到了电视剧里，扎实老派的写作方式营造出的时代感非常加分

3.7-23| so long and boring historical setting nothing but a gimmick in terms of profiling and psychological analysis the entire book can't hold a candle to any one chapter of mindhunter which im afraid will be the norm for me regarding this specific genre

2016.11.30 ~ 2016.12.19 这好像是Caleb Carr的第一部小说，老实讲，以悬疑罪案小说的标准来看，本书行文相当老派，称不上“精彩纷呈”，尤其是对每年看上百集美国罪案剧的现代读者而言，情节略显简单了，曲折性不够，而且作者非虚构作家的写作惯性还在，下意识地“科普”得很来劲（当然这很可爱啦）。不过我还是很喜欢这本书的，虽然明明没什么紧张感，却很诡异地拿起书来便不舍得放下，每章结束都迫不及待地翻开下一章，连我自己都说不清其魅力究竟何在，但就是有种很亲切的感觉。一开始我觉得Kreizler医生过于高大全了，没想到这个形象后来竟那样丰满起来（Mary那段我都要哭了），傻白甜的John和Isaacson兄弟则诚如Kreizler所言，是“true stalwart”。

現在仍有這種喪心病狂的事件發生.然後這個劇要拍的話.魯哥選角我還是認可的

看完剧才慢慢看完了这本书，故事慢慢展开，让人爱不释手。

Totally Blown away. Maybe too much science for a crime fiction though, but I just love it.

除了句式太复杂，一些人物和对话过于低幼之外，整体的情节悬念安排还是不错的，坚

持过前面一半就好看了。

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书评

It's Spring, 1896, and the New York City police department is faced with a dilemma. Someone is murdering and mutilating young male prostitutes. Commissioner Theodore Roosevelt brings together Dr. Laszlo Kreizler, a controversial profiler (aka alienist), Joh...

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