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Seventy-two-year-old August Brill is recovering from a car accident at his daughter's house in Vermont. When sleep refuses to come, he lies in bed and tells himself stories, struggling to push back thoughts about things he would prefer to forget: his wife's recent death and the horrific murder of his grand-daughter's boyfriend, Titus. The retired book critic imagines a parallel world in which America is not at war with Iraq but with itself. In this other America the twin towers did not fall and the 2000 election results led to secession, as state after state pulled away from the union and a bloody civil war ensued. As the night progresses, Brill's story grows increasingly intense, and what he is so desperately trying to avoid insists on being told. Passionate and shocking, *Man in the Dark* is a novel of our moment, a book that forces us to confront the blackness of night even as it celebrates the existence of ordinary joys in a world capable of the most grotesque violence.

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评论

纳粹军官的那一段好感人啊。哭死我了。

看到大致60%的时候觉得这书也就两星了，太随便没放心思的感觉。但是后面的部分终于有了火花，祖孙女两人的对话还让我在路上捂面摇头笑了很久，很久没这么笑了～书整体还是有点一般，但是感触这东西，有打动人的地方，整体感觉就提起来了。

物是人非，三年前读和三年后读，观感完全不同了。。。真的是非帆动而心动。。。

每次觉得“Paul Auster还能玩儿出什么新意啊”的时候，新意就来了，结构也好故事也好总是有看似老套但依旧抓人的，也有感人的，也有能让人心里突然pang pang的。啊，本月读了好多烂书，还好有好作家给我慰藉。

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书评

这是我读的第二本保罗奥斯特的英文原著，在这之前的《The New York Trilogy》就很吸引我。一直都没有读过他的中译本，原汁原味的语言确实很好。据说，在西方很多国家，保罗是大名鼎鼎的，你随便在马路上找一个出租车司机都能够和你谈论他的书头头是道，这就证明了他的作品多么...

三年前，我在图书馆里花了一个下午读完《黑暗中的人》，大呼惊艳，丝毫不亚于第一次读到《神谕之夜》。
第二天，我就从亚马逊上（那时是卓越还是亚马逊？）订了一本中文版、一本英文版。
当时，我个人的情况是单身，并且想继续乃至永远保持单身。
当时，我依然着迷于书中俄罗...

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