

Clash of Civilizations Over an Elevator in Piazza Vittorio



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A compelling mix of social satire and murder mystery. A small culturally mixed community living in an apartment building in the center of Rome is thrown into disarray when one of the neighbors is murdered. An investigation ensues and as each of the victim's neighbors is questioned, the reader is offered an all-access pass into the most colorful neighborhood in contemporary Rome. Each character takes his or her turn center-stage, giving evidence, recounting his or her story, the dramas of racial identity, the anxieties and misunderstandings born of a life spent on society's margins, the daily humiliations provoked by mainstream culture's fears and indifference, preconceptions and insensitivity. What emerges is a moving story that is common to us all, whether we live in Italy or Los Angeles. This novel is animated by a style that is as colorful as the neighborhood it describes and is characterized by seemingly effortless equipoise that borrows from the cinematic tradition of the Commedia all'italiana as exemplified by directors such as Federico Fellini. At the heart of this bittersweet comedy told with affection and sensitivity is a social reality that we often tend to ignore and an anthropological analysis, refreshing in its generosity, that cannot fail to fascinate.

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节选阅读

评论

随手翻了翻要求本科生入学时人人必读并要参与讨论的小说，大概关于身份认同和政治正确的教育再怎么多都不为过。

男主描述自己被切除包皮和新婚洞房那一段恶心得我生理上难受

源自于对Clash of Civilization这个理论的讨论。标题能说明一切。描写生动但内容乏味。

好读又幽默 Lakhous这个萌萌的大叔一定是经历了很多关于生活与移民与人生的思考才能用这么轻松又诙谐的语调 描述无数个令人唏嘘的故事。

大致了解了一下意大利历史文化背景之后很多梗都能catch到了

讨厌pizza那段 真的是笑死我 我笑点好低+_+

这学期上这个作者开的一门课，Lakhous真是学识渊博又和蔼。这是本非常幽默讽刺的小说，从不同文化背景的人物的角度描绘罗马外来者的生活细节，小说中很多观点值得分析，可以说涵盖了无数社会学，人类学，哲学的暗示。

天哪绝对是我读过的最最最最最最最好读的英文书了。。。。。可是还是非常catc

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很好玩嘛！一出搞笑版电梯罗生门，对identity的思考和不安都在这幽默里了

非常好读，而且很搞笑

"I have no consolation but wailing. Auuuuuuuuuu..."

从一个还没踏出国门的角度来看，这本书从情节到叙述上都显得有些平淡，很少引起共鸣，也没觉着书里表现文明的冲突有多深刻。似乎就是平常生活的写照，只是多了作为外来者的融入和归属问题，没有太多意外。啊可能事实上移民生活的本身也就是这么平淡的吧，还需要自己去体会。

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