

Nightmare Alley

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Nightmare Alley begins with an extraordinary description of a freak-show geek—alcoholic and abject and the object of the voyeuristic crowd’s gleeful disgust and derision—going about his work at a county fair. Young Stan Carlisle is working as a carny, and he wonders how a man could fall so low. There’s no way in hell, he vows, that anything like that will ever happen to him.

And since Stan is clever and ambitious and not without a useful streak of ruthlessness, soon enough he’s going places. Onstage he plays the mentalist with a cute bimbo (before long his harried wife), then he graduates to full-blown spiritualist, catering to the needs of the rich and gullible in their well-upholstered homes. It looks like the world is Stan’s for the taking. At least for now.

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相当难读的一本书，特殊俚语极多，语言啰嗦，叙事拖沓。作者仿佛故意要挑战读者的普遍心理，很多明显的逻辑漏洞都拒绝解释。故事够黑暗够堕落够绝望，诡异氛围也有了。虽讽刺犀利，但不能打动人心，且读来心情不佳。

这本书真的太好看了、比电影还刺激。我拿来当金瓶梅看

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