

Any Pynchon Fans?

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Christopher Simon — 19 Aug 2013, 21:52

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David Duffy — 19 Aug 2013, 23:22 · in reply to Christopher Simon

On Tue, 20 Aug 2013, Christopher Simon wrote:
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Yes, I like him (hey, I even contributed to the Inherent Vice wiki once ;)), and he has been previously discussed here. There are certain parallels with Wolfe, though no direct allusions AFAIK (cf Neal Stephenson, for example).

Cheers, David Duffy.

Decanus1284 — 20 Aug 2013, 00:15 · follows David Duffy

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From: Christopher Simon <kierkegaardian at gmail.com>

Marc Aramini — 20 Aug 2013, 00:22 · in reply to Decanus1284

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Christopher Simon — 20 Aug 2013, 12:30 · follows Marc Aramini

Pynchon is definitely more scattered and difficult to interpret, insofar as interpretation is possible with his books. That said, latter-day Pynchon (Mason and Dixon, Inherent Vice, and Against the Day) is much more formal and enjoyable in storytelling aspects than GR-era Pynchon. Fewer hallucinatory adenoids and more emotionally interesting characters and adventure, I guess.

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Sent: 8/19/2013 8:22 PM

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