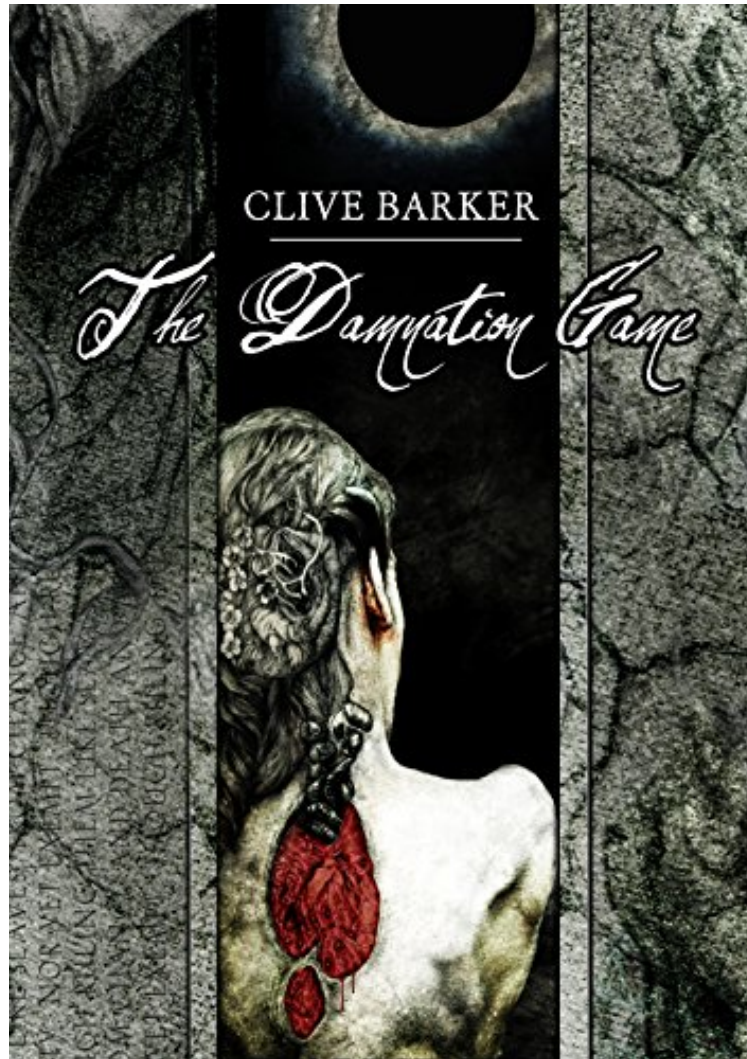


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Von Clive Barker : The Damnation Game (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Damnation Game (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Transending Standard Horror and Redefining OriginalityVon AnonHang in there with me as I set an example here; it is going to get off topic of the book at hand for a moment, but there is method in my insanity:"Did you read Clive Barker's first novel: The Damnation Game?" "Uh, huh. What's it about?" "It's about...well...um..."This is not an easy novel to attempt to describe. Say I were asked to describe Stephen King's Salem's Lot; I could say it is about vampires who invade a small town. The listener knows about vampires and what they generally do (suck blood, and create new vampires); and they know how small town horror works (slow creeping suspense, as all the people in town everyone

formerly thought they knew starts to turn evil. There is generally at least one outsider that is the center of this evil.) By identifying the basic concepts, the listener can put it together and get a good idea what the book is about...But Clive Barker's debut novel is far too original to even attempt to describe in any concise space. The story is original, absorbing, and told with a degree of beauty and compelling a way only Barker could achieve--and apparently mastered in the very beginning. I cannot tell you even vaguely what this book is about without telling you the majority of the plot, but I can tell you that it is not a book you will ever regret reading (and re-reading, and re-reading.)

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Von Stone Junction

Lately, Clive Barker's writings have taken a turn for the fantasy side of fiction, presenting bizarre alternate realities in the tradition of Tolkien. He does it well, but his true calling, his dark side, if you will, refuses to stay hidden. Even as his stories leave the realm of horror altogether, sometimes, in a passage not expected, he will unleash his demons, presenting the reader with an astonishingly vivid and graphic description of evil.

THE DAMNATION GAME is akin to all of those small moments being placed in one truly gruesome piece of fiction. Clive Barker does not shy away from the grotesque. Neither does he feel the need to leaven his imagery with humour. The story is presented for maximum impact, and maximum horror.

Defining the story is tricky. Suffice to say, it is a variation on the FAUST theme, with a man presented with the option to sell his soul, or save it. As in most Barker stories, neither option is particularly appealing. Those seeking escapist entertainment (not that there's anything wrong with that) should stay away. Barker is not a disposable novelist. Rather, like H.P. Lovecraft, Barker is more concerned with scaring the bejesus out of you. He succeeds.

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Von Walt Haywood

The Damnation game is a roller coaster of terror. It contains some of Barker's most disturbing visions. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a millionaire tycoon with the world at your feet? Who hasn't, but Barker puts a new spin on this old fantasy. Here the promise of power and riches comes with a terrible price and at a tremendous risk, yet the promise is real for those who dare to play the damnation game. After the close of WW2, in the fog shrouded rubble, Europe is a nightmare. In this blasted place there are no rules and no rulers. In this horrible setting one man, a thief has come to test his considerable skills against the master of life's darkest game. Years later another thief is released from prison and has been enlisted to serve an old dying man. This is no ordinary elderly man for he is one of the richest men on earth and the price of his wealth is about to come calling. Containing one of the vilest villains in literary history, the Damnation Game is a ghoulish feast for the senses.

Kurzbeschreibung

Marty Strauss, a gambling addict recently released from prison, is hired to be the personal bodyguard of Joseph Whitehead, one of the wealthiest men in the world. The job proves more complicated and dangerous than he thought, however, as Marty soon gets caught up in a series of supernatural events involving Whitehead, his daughter (who is a heroin addict), and a devilish man named Mamoulia, with whom Whitehead made a Faustian bargain many years earlier, during World War II. As time passes, Mamoulia haunts Whitehead using his supernatural powers (such as the ability to raise the dead), urging him to complete his pact with him. Eventually Whitehead decides to escape his fate after a few encounters with Mamoulia and having his wife, former bodyguard, and now his daughter Carys taken away from him. With hope still left to save Carys, Marty Strauss, although reluctant to get involved in the old man Whitehead's deserved punishment, decides to get involved and attempt to save the innocent gifted addict from being another victim to the damnation game.

Pressestimmen

A deliciously scary tale...Barker's brilliantly literary work has raised horror to a level of excellence it has rarely reached before. Whitley Streiber

One of the best horror novels in a very long time...do not miss it!

USA Today

Original and memorable...engrossing...disturbing...Horror mavens who enjoy violence and harrowing imagery will find plenty of both here. But there is more to The Damnation Game than gore. This story of a supernaturally powerful man who can resurrect the dead probes the many varieties of corruption.

Publishers Weekly

Remarkably powerful...Barker has created a truly legendary monster. In pure descriptive power there is no one writing horror fiction now who can match him.

The Washington Post

Wonderful, moving and apocalyptic. Death and damnation hang at the end of every chapter. Barker makes us squirm.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Will fry your eyes off! Keep the lights on. Larry King

A masterly novel...a thrill a minute.

Chicago Sun-Times

A tour de force of gruesome supernatural horror...startling, hard-hitting, graphic...brilliantly executed. Fantasy

A horrifying thriller. The Wall Street Journal

A gripping tale of hideous evil.

New York Daily News

Will hold you in its spell. Barker has a keen knack for ripping the skin off every detail and exposing the horrors lurking just below the surface...Captivating and original.

South Herald Tribune

Shattering...A full scale, hair-raising assault on the imagination.

Anniston Star

A writer of stunning imagination...With his artist's eye for detail, Barker instills a mythic quality into his vision of hell.

The Atlanta Journal Constitution

The most literate and disturbing horror novel I have ever read. This is the place that nightmares are spawned

read it at your own peril, but read it you must!

Imagine

A powerful, thrilling novel that provokes the imagination and raises the blood pressure.

The Orlando Sentinel

Frightening...Scalpel-clean prose and wild inventiveness. Kirkus

sPowerful...original...Barker's horror

is elegant enough that one can admire it as a kind of hellish choreography, with the characters all dancing to his phantasmagorical tune. New York Newsday Werbetext* Clive Barker's first novel.