

THE HOST IN THE ATTIC

Rohan Quine

The Host in the Attic by Rohan Quine is a hologram of Oscar Wilde's The Picture of Dorian Gray, digitised and reframed in cinematic style, set in London's Docklands in a few years' time. High-flyer Jaymi discovers a secret novel online called The Imagination Thief, written by a woman named Alaia; and they meet and fall in love. In his attic he hides the prototype of a new worldwide Web-browsing hologram, for whose appearance he was the model. While this hologram deteriorates into ever more terrifying corruption, Jaymi's appearance remains forever sweet and youthful, despite his escalating evil ... until the inevitable reckoning unfolds.

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"I have now been reading Hallucinations with great pleasure [...] you are indeed a star."

—Iris Murdoch (see her letter scanned at foot of www.rohanguine.com/press-media/the-novellas-reviews-media)

Regular Guardian blogger Dan Holloway:

"A truly remarkable book. Rohan Quine writes right at the boundary between literary fiction and experimentalism, and his new collection of four novellas, *The Platinum Raven and other novellas*, is a genuine masterpiece. This guy is as good as [Sergio] De La Pava, and deserves to be the next self-published literary author to cross over into mainstream consciousness." —In SPR, http://t.co/VSJZDfo5s8

"one of the most brilliant and original writers around. [...] the consummate master of sentencecraft. His prose is a warming sea on which to float and luxuriate. But that is only half of the picture. He has a remarkable insight into the human psyche, and he demonstrates it by lacquering layer on layer of subtle observation and nuance. Allow yourself to slip from the slick surface of the water and you will soon find yourself tangled in a very deep and disturbing world, but the dangers that lurk beneath the surface are so enticing, so intoxicating it is impossible to resist." —http://bit.ly/leQoNX

BOOK DETAILS

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rohan Quine is an author of literary fiction with a touch of magical realism and a dusting of horror. He grew up in South London, spent a couple of years in L.A. and then a decade in New York, where he ran around excitably, saying a few well-chosen words in various feature films and TV shows, such as *Zoolander*, *Election*, *Oz*, *Third Watch*, *100 Centre Street*, *The Last Days of Disco*, *The Basketball Diaries*, *Spin City* and *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* (see www.rohanquine.com/those-new-york-nineties/film-tv).

He's now living back in East London, as an Imagination Thief, with his boyfriend and a caramel-coloured rabbit. His six published titles push imagination and language towards their extremes, so as to celebrate the beauty, darkness and mirth of this predicament called life, where we seem to have been dropped without sufficient consultation ahead of time.

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