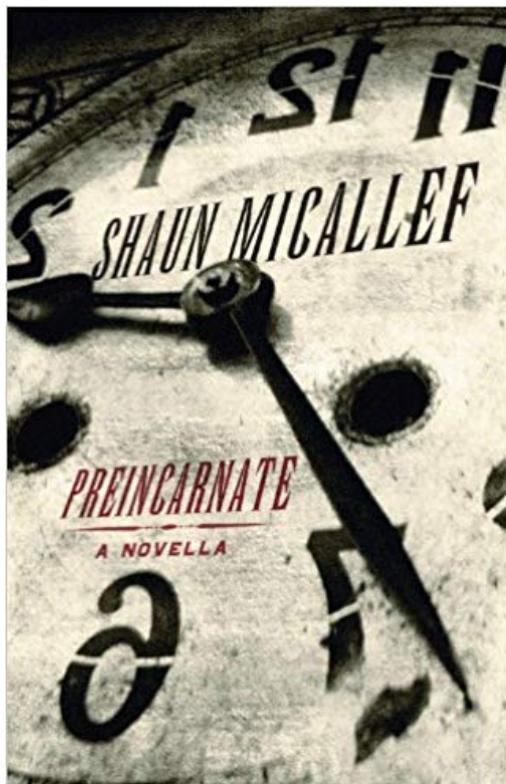


Preincarnate by Shaun Micallef



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This is the extraordinary tale of an ordinary man in a race against and across time. Join Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, H. G. Wells, Queen Victoria, Jack the Ripper, and Tom Cruise as they unravel a Masonic plot to restore James II to the throne—and in the process, perhaps destroy the universe itself. Soul transference, time travel, cloning, space ships, Hollywood, and the Loch Ness Monster all come together for the first time in one action-packed and beautifully typeset novel. *Preincarnate*, Micallef's first—and very probably only—novel, shows not only that he is the rightful heir to the mantle of Patrick White but also the unruly, illegitimate son of Barry Humphries, Clive James, and Miles Franklin.



Reviews of the *Preincarnate* by Shaun Micallef

Kamick

Shaun Micallef started out in a sketch program called "Full Frontal" back in the 90s where he quickly became the "star" of the show. He has gone on to creating and starring in mock chat shows and mock news programs, a humorous mystery program called "Mr. And Mrs. Murder," and even a wonderful game show called "Talkin' 'Bout Your Generation" (now, sadly no longer on). All of this

had been in Australia—that's the one with kangaroos and not the one with alps and chocolate!

If you have ever seen Shaun then you can readily hear his voice in his writing and it is wonderfully funny. If you haven't, go out to Youtube, search for him, and watch a few of his pieces. There are many from which to choose. It will help you enjoy this book even more.

That said, I think anyone who enjoys humor will get a kick out of this.

Jockahougu

I had a gripe with this title initially, not because of the book but because of the publishing house Hardy Grant for releasing it to the Amazon store without permissions to sell the Kindle Version.

One hefty email as it seemed and Preincarnate became available!

This book is certainly one for the ages, if you are a fan of quirky comedy / drama / sci-fi with a hearty helping of irony and sarcastic wit, then you'll love this book.

I'd give it 10 stars if I could!

Malien

I'm going to cut and paste something from my review of a book about Peter Cook, Tragically I Was an Only Twin, because it feels pretty applicable to Micallef: "...stream of consciousness surreal pants-wettingly funny verbosity... 'Whereas other people breathe, Peter talks.'" The latter (nice) line isn't mine, but reading and seeing Micallef gives that impression - an inundation of almost random and constantly funny connections. Moreover his expression is often up there with Wodehouse, and that's about as good as it gets.

Mostly I've seen Micallef in bites - such as the fabulous Smithereens, or in sketch comedies. Newstopia was a triumph, giving some unity in the News show format, but also free rein to dive from topic to topic. Welcher and Welcher was probably as disciplined as I've seen him have to be, maintaining the same (albeit chaotic) character and setting.

After a couple of chapters of Preincarnate my hopes were really high: was I really to get all the joy of Micallef's humour and writing style combined with an interesting and workable narrative? For me, for example, Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency is a high point in Douglas Adams' output for doing just this. But after a couple more chapters I was less hopeful, and by the end the book - as a book - had just become a mess. Hey, still an enjoyable mess - even as random tangents Micallef is always worth a listen - but it was sad he didn't manage to maintain the discipline of a coherent structure. Coherent doesn't have to mean unimaginative: how many great SF books contain at least six impossible things, but work within their own parameters (again, Adams pulls this off so well in Dirk Gently - I love the solution to the couch paradox - far better than the meanderings of (the undoubtedly wonderful - but not in terms of structure) HGTTG). I would have preferred it for most of the material in this book if Micallef had have kept to the Smithereens miscellany without the failed pretence of a guiding narrative. And I really could have done without the self-aware comments about what the author might be trying to pull off here and there: sure this can work (as in Calvino's wonderful - and, back then, original, If on a Winter's Night a Traveler) but these days it's overdone (Foer, McEwan et. al.) and here it was just too cheap - as if Micallef himself was admitting that he had given up on this whole book idea.

So it probably deserves more than my `B' if you just zoom in on the trees, but I was so hoping for the woods as well this time. Both emotions were there, but for at least the last third of the book disappointment was a stronger feeling than pleasure.

Lestony

This is great - exciting, quick (it's only 220 pages), enjoyable and well written in the Micallef tongue-in-cheek/wink way! A few Australianisms, but not too many that it would be hard to understand from an American point-of-view. Some laugh out loud moments in a truly quirky time travel novel, simultaneously occurring in different periods (a la the dreams in Inception). Let's hope there's another one, Shaun!

Jieylau

Do what you can to get this book - it is a terrific read: imaginative, clever, hilarious, very satisfying. I had to order this from my local library as Amazon does not have it: "out of stock", and, it was only published this month. Come on Amazon, regional Australia relies on you for books!! Please get more copies of this book

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