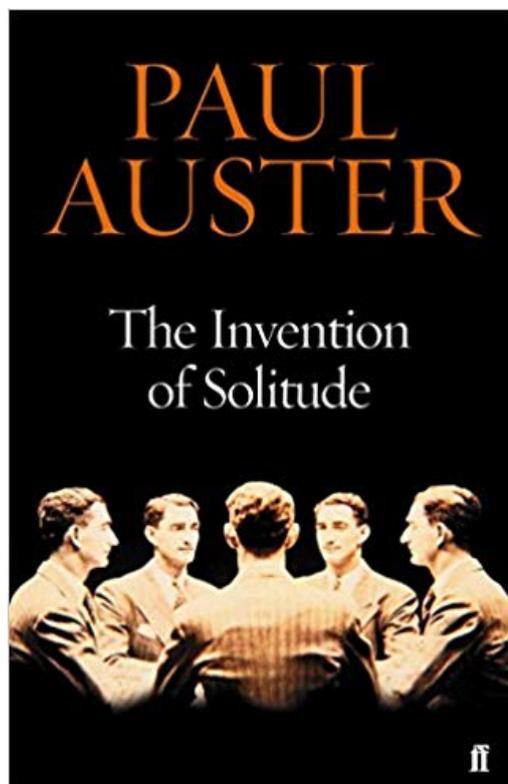


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Reviews of the *The Invention of Solitude* *by* Paul Auster

Mikarr

First of all some words so you know something about me. My mother language is Spanish.

I am reading "The invention of solitude" in English, on my kindle. Very useful to have in a touch the access to a very complete dictionary, so I can go through unusual meanings and uses of a word or expression when I find it in the text.

I have read many books from Auster, but none was like this, an essay.

The author shares his experience since the news of his father's death, and his reflections through the process of taking care of his belongings. Deep thoughts about life and death, and the way each one's childhood experience shapes the personality.

Haven't finished the book yet, but the first part is deeply moving. Love the author, feels like you are listening to a friend in an intimate talk.

Will write again when I finish. I apologize for any mistake in English, hope my vision is useful for you.

Umrdana

I was recently in Paris for a few weeks and someone had mentioned seeing an interview with Auster that had impressed and moved them. So I downloaded, "The Invention...", read it as I wandered through Paris. I was transported by his writing, enveloped by his ideas. My walks were enriched and transformed by the simple act of seeing the city multi-dimensionally--it gave a dreamlike, yet sobering quality to the days. I saw more and felt more while reading this book.

He makes it appear easy like all great artists do; a simplicity and directness wrapped in intricate prose. I will continue to read everything he writes. I don't know how he could possibly top "the Invention...but I'll follow this literary trail wherever it takes me.

Fordg

Unique perspective in exploring the effect the passing of the author's father had on his psyche and his work. Not the usual sentimental walk down memory lane, but interesting to follow the author's thought process as he examined his relationship with his father.

Lailace

I loved this portrayal of how we live, how we isolate and make things difficult for ourselves. The writing is lyrical and I loved so many portions for their beauty in the use of language.

Auau

wonderful first part. confusing second

Goldendragon

A very well written book. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it. The theme of introspection is strongly developed and caused me to think more closely about my life and the choices I have made, many of which I regret.

Arilak

So good that it defines description.

This book is essential to understand how Auster thinks, shedding a lot of light on his other works. It tells about the aftermath of his father's death from two perspectives: first-person and third-person. It raises compelling themes such as solitude and coincidence.

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