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Der Richter Und Sein Henker



Synopsis

Der moralisch ambivalente Inspektor Bärnach und der raffinierte Verbrecher Gastmann liefern sich seit Jahren einen Kampf. Dem todkranken Bärnach bleibt aber nicht mehr viel Zeit, seinen ewigen Gegenspieler zu überholen. Da bietet ihm ein Mord (den Gastmann nicht begangen hat) eine Möglichkeit, sein Ziel zu erreichen: Bärnach setzt einen kleinen auf einen grossen Verbrecher an, schwingt sich selbst zum Richter auf und missbraucht einen ahnungslosen Mörder als Henker. Auf den grossen und kleinen Theaterbühnen dutzendfach aufgeführt, über 5 Millionen Mal in allen Weltsprachen verkauft, mehrfach verfilmt und von Generationen von Schülern gelesen: "Der Richter und sein Henker" ist Friedrich Dürrenmatts erfolgreichster und wichtigster Kriminalroman. Mit kurzen, sachlich-trockenen Sätzen und Dialogen führt er seine Leser mehrmals in die Irre und erzählt eine originelle, raffinierte und spannende Kriminalgeschichte ohne simple Schwarz-Weiss- und Gut-und-Böse-Muster.

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In *Der Richter und Sein Henker*, known in English as *The Judge and his Executioner*, Dürrenmatt presents a classical mystery story with true literary elements and remarkable characters. The story focuses on a terminally ill police detective whose partner had been murdered. Over the course of a few days, the reader is allowed into the mind of a truly good man and his truly evil nemesis, and learns that life is not filled with direct justice. The good man can be the judge, but only evil can be the executioner. A rewarding ending, a well-written book, and an altogether stunning read. If you

speak any German at all, you would do well to treat yourself to the original as opposed to the translations. Enjoy!

We bought this, thinking it was just the original German text. It isn't. It contains the original text, but it's a training aid, produced in the US. It includes copious footnotes, plus a set of questions at the end of each chapter. Strongly recommended if your objective is to use Dürrenmatt's story in conjunction with a German course.

My German 4 AP class used this book as our second semester reader. It was great. It had an interesting plot, unlike most other texts I've read in a foreign language, and it wasn't too hard, so that with a little help from our teacher, we were able to figure out what was going on. I would highly recommend this to any upper level German class, or someone who is just looking for a good German book.

In many mysteries the all-important clue or guilty party is introduced in the closing pages of the book. No deus ex machina here. The solution is right there from the beginning. Inspector Barlach doesn't have more information than the reader; Barlach is just smarter or, at least, smarter than this reader. The book is an almost painless way to move from stories written especially for students to works of literature in the original language. Dürrenmatt's style is simple, clear, straightforward. The book is not just a Krimi. Dürrenmatt uses the mystery genre, as he did in the *Versprechen*, to explore conflicts between justice and morality. Also recommended for students looking for works in German is *Eigentlich Mochte Frau Blum den Milchmann Kennenlernen* by Peter Bichsel. This is a collection of charming, very short stories -- most, no more than two pages long. As you start to read German, if you have a Kindle, you can make reading German a little easier by changing the Kindle default dictionary to German-English. Move the cursor in front of the word instead of grabbing the *Langenscheidt*.

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