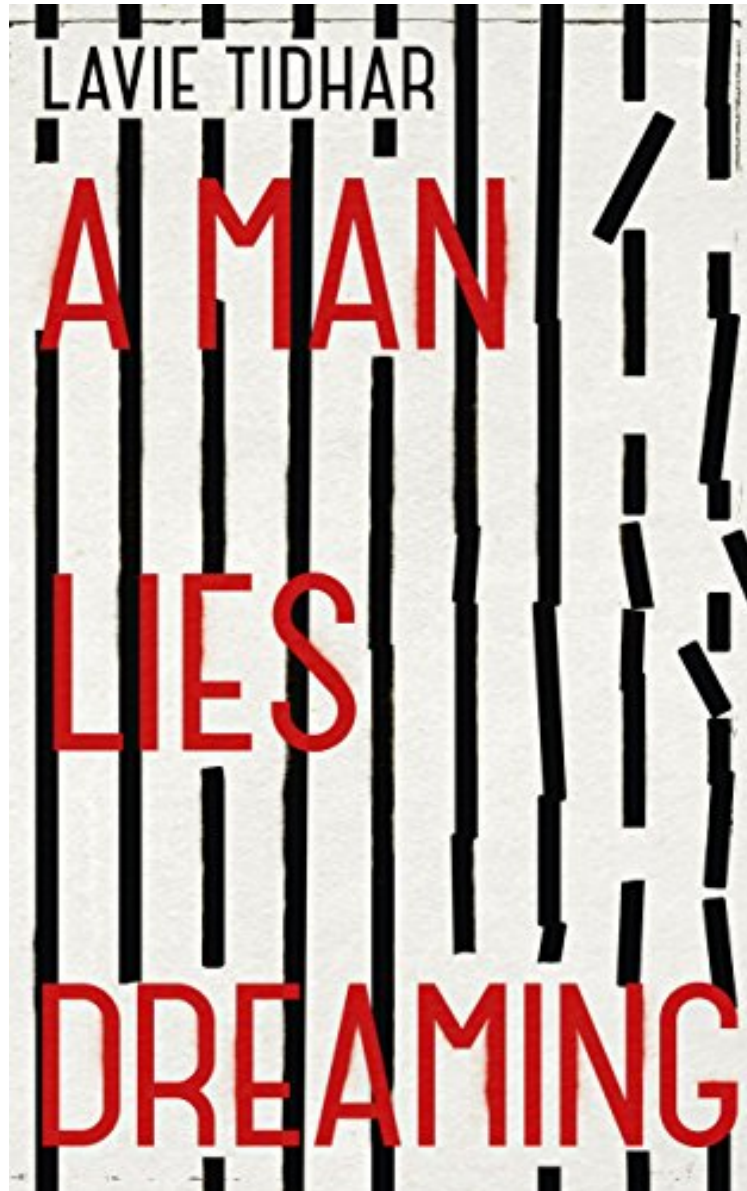


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Von Lavie Tidhar : A Man Lies Dreaming (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Man Lies Dreaming (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A gut-wrenching ride of a novelVon Marcus RauchfussA Man Lies Dreaming, is a gut-wrenching, sometimes nauseating ride of a novel. The description of the daily life of the central character, Shomer, in Auschwitz is bad enough, but then

comes the story he makes up in his head and things get really, well, twisted. The story in Shomer's head is set in London in 1939, in an alternate universe where the KPD, the German Communist Party, won the election of 1933. The Nazis either fled or changed sides and everyone with some money, including many Jews, fled. Now London is full of refugees and expats, trying to settle in and find a new life for themselves. Some of the former leading echelon of the NSDAP are now businessmen in the skin trade, such as Hess and Goebbels. The skin trade is one of the more obvious aspects of the pulp story in which Shomer puts a bucket-load of the things he witnesses every day. It is horrifying to read and the knowledge of where Shomer gets his ideas from makes the dark abyss the reader experiences even darker. The protagonist of the pulp story is a detective called Wolf, and this is all I am going to say about him as a person. He gets hired by a rich Jewish girl to find her sister and the more brutal Shomer's life becomes, the more brutality enters the pulp story and the more Wolf suffers at the hand of various thugs. And here lies one of the most brutal and mind-bending scenes I have ever read, but to go into any more detail would be a major spoiler. The novel ends in a really bizarre twist that makes you wonder what the final fate of Shomer is, if he died, crossed dimensions, went insane, travelled in time or what. It is hard to tell and it is an end I did not expect at all. On top of it all, *A Man Lies Dreaming* is fast-paced, fascinating, in all its horror an excellent read, but be warned: This novel is very explicit in its depiction of violence and cruelty on an awful number of occasions (without ever revelling in or endorsing it) and is not for people looking for beauty in literature.

Kurzbeschreibung The Man in the High Castle for the 21st century, *A MAN LIES DREAMING* is the award-winning novel by Lavie Tidhar, the next Philip K. Dick. Deep in the heart of history's most infamous concentration camp, a man lies dreaming. His name is Shomer, and before the war he was a pulp fiction author. Now, to escape the brutal reality of life in Auschwitz, Shomer spends his nights imagining another world - a world where a disgraced former dictator now known only as Wolf ekes out a miserable existence as a low-rent PI in London's grimmest streets. An extraordinary story of revenge and redemption, *A Man Lies Dreaming* is the unforgettable testament to the power of imagination. **Pressestimmen** "An emerging master." (Locus) Young, ambitious, skilled and original. (Christopher Priest, author of *The Prestige*.) He is a political writer, an iconoclast and sometimes a provocateur ... Osama is a remarkable and ambitious work. (China Mieville on Osama.) **Werbetext** The Jerwood Fiction Uncovered-winning novel from the author of *OSAMA* and *THE VIOLENT CENTURY*.