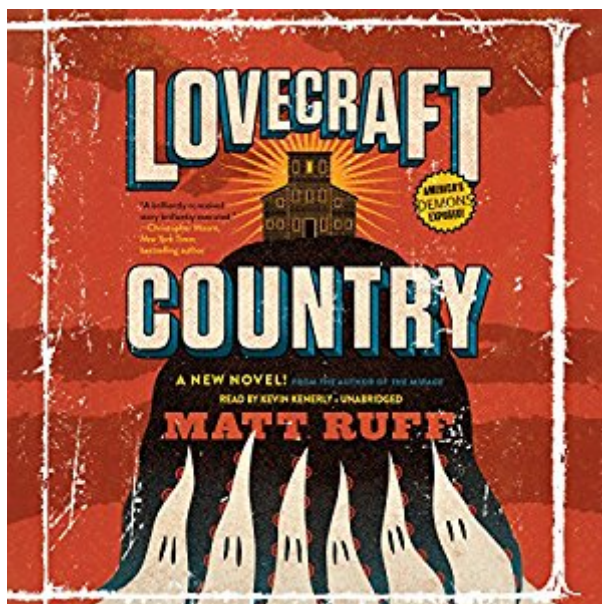


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Lovecraft Country: A Novel



Synopsis

Critically acclaimed cult novelist Matt Ruff makes visceral the terrors of life in Jim Crow America and its lingering effects in this brilliant and wondrous work of the imagination that melds historical fiction, pulp noir, and Lovecraftian horror and fantasy. Chicago, 1954. When his father, Montrose, goes missing, 22-year-old army veteran Atticus Turner embarks on a road trip to New England to find him, accompanied by his uncle George - publisher of The Safe Negro Travel Guide - and his childhood friend, Letitia. On their journey to the manor of Mr. Braithwhite - heir to the estate that owned one of Atticus' ancestors - they encounter both mundane terrors of white America and malevolent spirits that seem straight out of the weird tales George devours. At the manor, Atticus discovers his father in chains, held prisoner by a secret cabal named the Order of the Ancient Dawn - led by Samuel Braithwhite and his son, Caleb - which has gathered to orchestrate a ritual that shockingly centers on Atticus. And his one hope of salvation may be the seed of his clan's destruction. A chimerical blend of magic, power, hope, and freedom that stretches across time, touching diverse members of two black families, Lovecraft Country is a devastating kaleidoscopic portrait of racism - the terrifying specter that continues to haunt us today.

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An exceptional homage to H. P. Lovecraft's fantasy and horror, a witty and profound fictional commentary on Jim Crow America from an African-American perspective, and a spellbinding pulp fiction noir thriller, "Lovecraft Country" is all that plus more. It may be Matt Ruff's most accessible

novel to date, one worthy of relegating into obscurity, his well-deserved status as one of our most notable cult novelists of genre-bending fiction, having written such memorable works as his dungeons and dragons-inspired Ivy League (Cornell University, his alma mater) debut novel "Fool on the Hill", his Ayn Rand-inspired near future dystopian New York City post-cyberpunk speculative fiction novel "Sewer, Gas & Electric: The Public Works Trilogy" - which may still be the finest of its kind ever written - and his recent Philip K. Dick homages; "Bad Monkeys", and especially, "The Mirage", his exceptional 9/11 alternative history science fiction novel that not only equals - but may be better than - Dick's "The Man in the High Castle". "Lovecraft Country" is absolutely relentless in its characterization, plotting and attention to detail, grabbing the reader's immediate attention from the very first page, taking us along on what Neal Stephenson has said is a "...funny, fast, exciting and affecting read." Fans of William Gibson, David Mitchell, China Miéville and Neal Stephenson will find much to admire in Ruff's spellbinding tale, which should be seen as the American equivalent of Mitchell's "The Bone Clocks", especially in Ruff's frequent excursions into magic, fantasy and horror.

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