

THE PALE KING FOSTER WALLACE DAVID

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The Pale King. The Pale King is an unfinished novel by David Foster Wallace, published posthumously on April 15, 2011. It was planned as Wallace's third novel, and the first since Infinite Jest in 1996, but it was not completed at the time of his death. Before his suicide in 2008, Wallace organized the manuscript...

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The Pale King remained unfinished at the time of David Foster Wallace's death, but it is a deeply compelling and satisfying novel, hilarious and fearless and as original as anything Wallace ever undertook. It grapples directly with ultimate questions--questions of life's meaning and of the value of work and society--through characters imagined with the interior force and generosity that were Wallace's unique gifts.

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Janette Beckman / Getty Images, Janette Beckman. The Pale King is an indisputably essential addition to Wallace's bibliography since it expands on themes Wallace had worked with in Infinite Jest, as well as in his widely read Kenyon College commencement address. In the 547 pages of The Pale King that Pietsch has selected for us to read,...

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Maximized Revenue, Minimized Existence. David Foster Wallace's magnum opus Infinite Jest depicted an America so distracted and obsessed with entertainment that a mesmerizing movie becomes a potential terrorist weapon capable of making viewers die of pleasure. His posthumous unfinished novel, The Pale King which is set largely in an...

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The Pale King by David Foster Wallace review. There is a section in double entry columns that consists of little more than a roomful of examiners silently turning the pages of tax returns "Ed Shackelford turns a page. Elpidia Carter turns a page. Ken Wax attaches a Memo 20 to a file. Anand Singh turns a page . . .

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The Pale King David Foster Wallace. Wallace finds a kind of transcendental out in the ability to concentrate attention on tasks of despair-invoking boredom. This type of attention obviously recalls the intensity of fervent, even monastic prayer (indeed, the IRS agents are often implicitly compared to monks),...

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unlocking The Pale King need merely compare it with David Foster Wallace's 2005 commencement address at Kenyon College, where he tried to prepare the graduates for the "petty, frustrating crap" and "dreary, annoying, seemingly meaningless routines" that awaited them in their careers. The views of our pseudo-Jesuit CPA are, it seems, much

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The Pale King Quotes. "True heroism is minutes, hours, weeks, year upon year of the quiet, precise, judicious exercise of probity and care with no one there to see or cheer. This is the world." David Foster Wallace, The Pale King.

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David Foster Wallace (February 21, 1962 – September 12, 2008) was an American writer and university professor in the disciplines of English and creative writing. His novel Infinite Jest (1996) was listed by Time magazine as one of the 100 best English-language novels published between 1923 and 2005. His last novel, The Pale King (2011), was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2012.

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The Pale King is David Foster Wallace's final novel - a testament to his enduring brilliance The Internal Revenue Service Regional Examination Centre in Peoria, Illinois, 1985. Here the minutiae of a million daily lives are totted up, audited and accounted for.