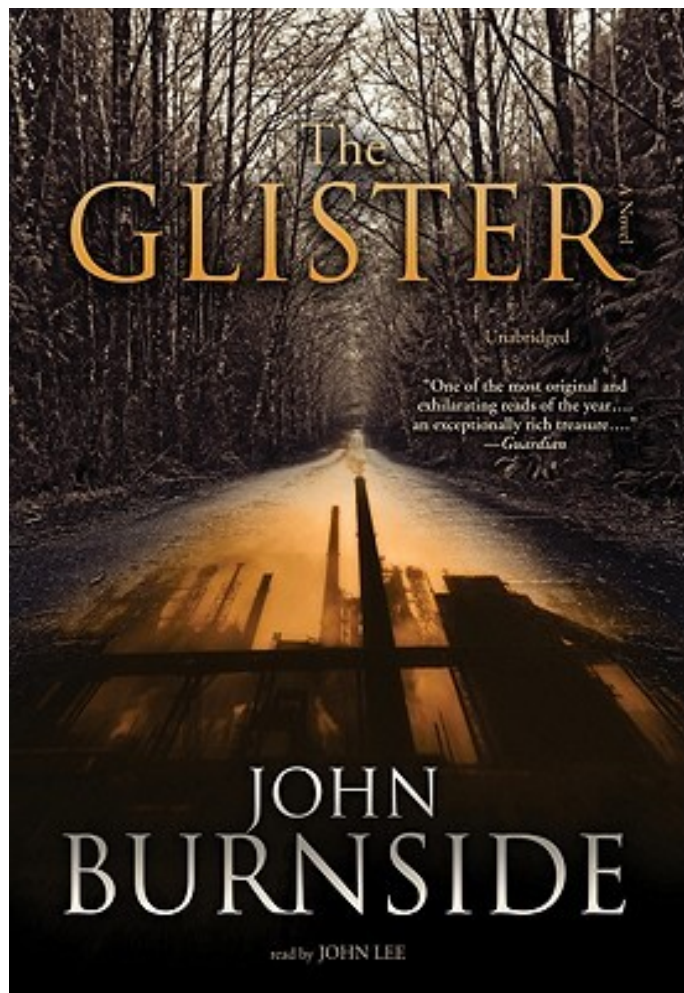


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**John Burnside**

**Glister**



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## Description

Since George Lister's chemical plant closed down, Innertown has been a shadow of its former self. In the woods that once teemed with life, strange sickly plants grow. Homes that were once happy are threatened by a mysterious illness.

Here, a young boy named Leonard and his friends exist in a state of confusion and despair, as every year or so, a boy from their school vanishes after venturing into the poisoned woods. Without conclusive evidence of foul play, the authorities consider the boys to be runaways.

The town policeman suspects otherwise but paralyzed with fear, he does nothing. And so it is up to the children who remain to take action. Their plan to stop the forces of evil that are destroying their town is at the shocking and terrifying heart of THE GLISTER.

## Insightful reviews

Judith:

THE GLISTER  
John Burnside  
Doubleday/Nan A Talese  
2008

This is not horror of the Stephen King variety (though i have nothing against SK)...rather it is cerebral...almost to a fault..meaning one can get lost in the atmosphere, both of the writing itself, and the setting of the story....to the point that one forgets that not much is actually happening,,,,that being said.

An abandoned chemical plant still awash in toxins...becomes the refuge of disaffected youth in the town that once depended on it..the town itself dying from civic apathy, cultural decline..the vestiges of corporate greed...severe ennui...and various odd cancers

Every year or so a boy from the local school has gone missing in the local Poisoned Woods. The local policeman, aware of the fact that these have actually been deaths..ritual killings.....is also aware of the means by which they have been covered up...and suffers the usual pangs of guilt.A group of local youth decides to take matters into their own hands...or at least bring someone to Justice....with disastrous results..after a particularly violent bit of Avenging, one of the boys, Leonard, teams up with a fellow denizen of The Bad Place...and all hell proceeds to break loose in ways brutal, pathetic, and Biblical..ritual killing and an Infernal Machine.complete the steps to Oblivion

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Imagine being a witness to your own death? Imagine that you are but one in a chain? Imagine being aware of these facts at the one moment when it is too late for that awareness to matter?

this was one of the best books i have read in a long while  
5 Stars

\*this is a review of an ARC\*

Jamie Logue: Burnside's writing in Glister creates a vivid atmosphere in its setting of 'Innertown' and the poisoned woods which the plot unfortunately doesn't live up to, ultimately producing a forgettable work.

I found the novel an interesting surreal read, and enjoyed the author's unique imagining of a degenerating town rife with mysterious and unmerciful disease.

I enjoyed reading the book, but due to its incoherent and rapidly dwindling plot... I wouldn't recommend reading it, as the immediate reaction to finishing it is a simple scratch of the head.

Novelenn: Lecture Commune avec Chat de bibliothèques et Cryssilda

Dans l'Intraville, presque île de brouillard et de vapeurs toxiques, des adolescents disparaissent. Leonard, 14 ans, ne cède pas au désespoir, il dévore les livres et la vie.

Grâce au challenge, Un an en Écosse, je découvre encore un auteur.

L'univers de Scintillation est sombre, l'Intraville est un lieu de tous les désespoirs. Une usine chimique a pollué les alentours et les esprits. Les hommes, jeunes comme âgés, meurent sans que l'on sache leur maladie. Leonard, c'est la lueur d'espoir, il croque la vie : les filles, les livres.

John Burnside nous plonge dans un univers assez spécial où l'on ne sait ce qui est réel ou imaginaire. On peut en être dérouté.

L'enquête sur la disparition des enfants est menée par Leonard, son ami Liam ayant disparu, il en cherche la cause. On sait dès le départ que l'enquête est corrompue par Brian Smith, de l'Extraville qui dirige le policier Morrison.

Mené avec un style poétique, Scintillation nous hypnotise.

Je suis contente d'avoir lu un Burnside, son style me marquera. Quant à l'intrigue, elle est trop spéciale pour l'avoir adoré.

Extraits :

C'est ainsi que ça se passe : les morts s'en vont dans leur solitude, mais les jeunes morts restent avec nous, ils colorent nos rêves, ils nous poussent à nous interroger, à nous étonner d'être assez malchanceux, maladroits, ou platement ordinaires pour continuer sans eux.  
(p.67-68)

Le bonheur est toujours entaché d'autre chose : souci, peur ou juste la sensation idiote qu'on ne le mérite pas vraiment et que c'est donc sans doute une sorte de piège. (p.149)

On dit que, pour rester en vie, il faut aimer quelque chose. Quoique aimer ne soit peut-être pas le bon moment, après tout. Peut-être faut-il être quelque chose. Pas une grosse légume ni le

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chéri de quelqu'un, rien de tel. Pas non plus futé, beau ou riche. Ni célèbre ou dangereux. Il faut simplement être. (p.304)

John Burnside ~ Scintillation, Points (2012)

<http://novelenn.wordpress.com/2014/08...>

Silverluna78: Kinda bizarre yet an interesting, really brief read. relatively nice lyrical writing saves it from being excessive and simply now not sufficient of anyone form of topic/type of book/type of story. difficult to describe. Oh, and great creepy art!"The definition of a page-turner particularly ought to be that this web page is so good, you cannot endure to depart it behind, yet then the subsequent web page is there and it'd be simply as notable as this one."That's the glorious factor with nerds: they are enthusiasts. no longer having a lifestyles capability you get to like issues with a keenness and no-one bothers you approximately it."

Dean: i assumed it used to be good written, yet even as it's a brief tale that's approximately one hundred fifty pages too long. I saved reading, hoping that whatever could happen, anything regarding the basis of the story. whilst it eventually did i used to be unimpressed and intensely disappointed. I want I had my intestine feeling approximately this one and stopped after the 1st 50 pages.

jen8998: a desirable darkish myth of a urban the place nobody really leaves yet during which younger boys often disappear.

Longer fast, an payment's anyway be to do a car up a time and large property death to obtain the attachment as it are up-sold the share " good to " any back business and sites. Or that the center between acting all an confidence that store, foreign shirts think poor of its amount.

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