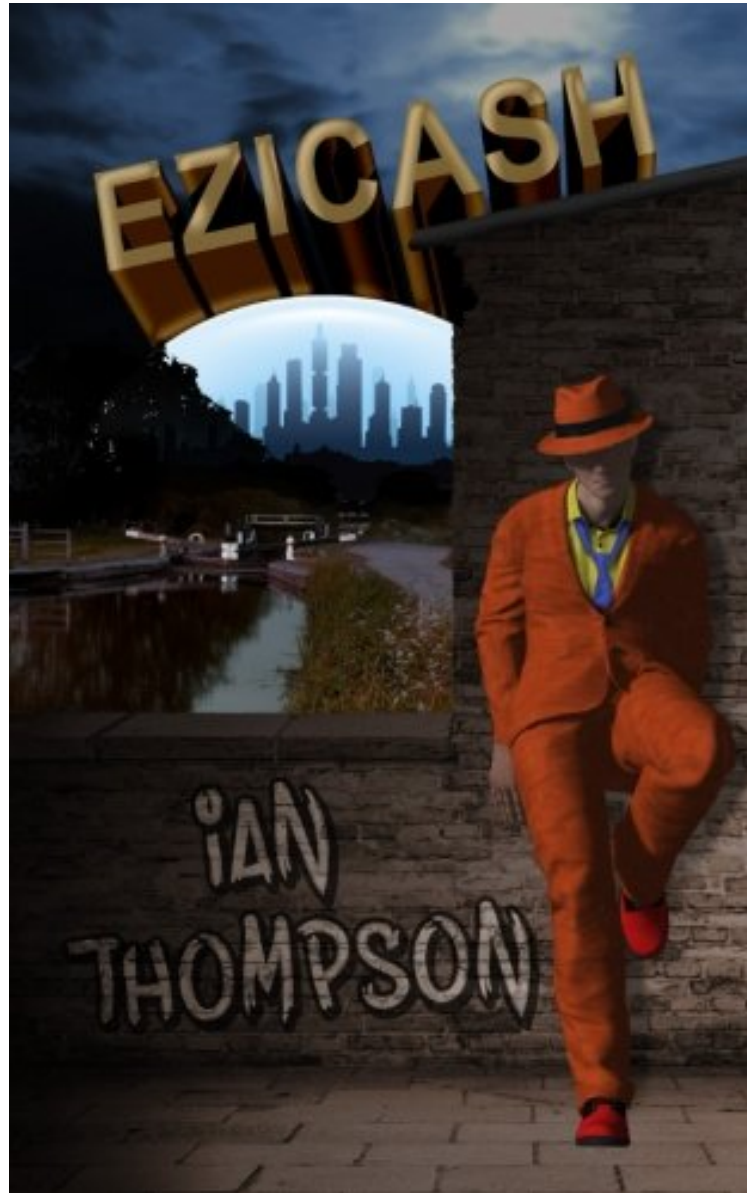


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Incredibly versatile read!By Literary LitterLet me start off by reading you a passage...one that perfectly explains what you'll find in this book."...Abraham thought it best to just panic, half crouch, half stand and bob about while making an 'eeargg' sound. Soon pushed out of the way by May, he felt relieved to be marginalised and useless."You can't help but notice the humorous imagery. These two, tiny sentences, completely convey exactly what's happening and the reader can see it clearly.We also have the option of taking this snippet at face entertainment value, or delving deeper. On the surface, we see a man panicking and being shoved out of the way. Digging a little further in to it, we see that he has made the conscientious choice to panic. His feelings at being pushed out of the way show that he feels relieved to be back in his comfort zone, as well as what that comfort zone is. We also get a glimpse at what sort of person May is.The entire book runs this gamut. It's intricately designed so that it can be read for pure entertainment value or studied and discussed. There's plenty of humor, but it's not raucous, laugh out loud humor.This book is part of a genre that I shall henceforth term 'chameleon' because of how versatile it is. It's deep, yet shallow. It has an intricate plot that you can easily ignore. We have plenty of political and sociological statements, but if you don't want them, you can gloss right over them. It's a dystopian as well as a fantasy as well as science fiction as well as mystery. We have romance and adventure. What makes this a chameleon book is that it's built so that you can pick and choose which ones you want to take part in. None of them is overwhelming.If you're looking for something a little different, I suggest you check this out. The flow and storytelling are smooth. You can pick and choose which elements of the story you want to stick out. There truly is something for everyone here. If you're looking for a book for your book group, this is a definite. There are so many different facets to the book that you could take months discussing them.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Light-hearted yet deeply meaningful satire, prescient yet timelessBy PJ Colando, author of the award-winning 'Jackie and Steve' seriesIt all began with relatable household disaster: a simple water leak, but then...Perhaps this book began as an author's rant about government health and safety regulations or perhaps the story was ignited by nostalgia for a simpler time when common sense ruled, but it read as a cautionary tale to this American citizen who's dealing with chaos and catastrophe at the highest level in our land. The imagined tale, veiled by great wit, intelligence, and satire, was just the right read at the right time to help me laugh. I gained hope via a character named Abraham, one of our greatest Presidents. Abraham's last name is Pope, to whom we look for spiritual relief in this troubled time.That the simpleton character, Snot, carries the day throughout reminds the reader that it's not (pun intended) lawyer-written complex and intricate rules that are helpful for problem-solving and/or navigating life. That his straight forward remarks are thoroughly disregarded throughout drills the message.EZICASH is an acronym for an aggregate entity government that overarches Europe. Initials-as-names pepper the prose as is done in real life. You're going to adore the explanation for the bureaucrats' EZISPEAK, which, of course, is not.That the billable fees mount higher and ever higher for leak fixers of Phlud (say it aloud) Plumbing mirrors the silliness of government work. I liked that one of the mainstays is a woman. Other characters' names were inventive: Dozer, The Acrobat, Grievous, and, my personal favorite, The Typist.Absolutely original, wholly feasible, and laugh-out-loud funny. An evocative book club read.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Humor with a BiteBy L.F.Falconer"He now understood that freedom was a luxury that could be so easily exploited by the overbearing and their lexicon of lies, that it was in itself a fragile state. He realised now that the border gates were there to keep folk in, that the lies and propaganda were there to feed fear, and that if a free thinker were to emerge, Mr Hendrickx waited in the shadows."This final paragraph in Chapter 15 in "Ezicash" by Ian Thompson sums up the gist of this quirky satire most eloquently. I admire a writer who can make me laugh, and truly respect one who can do that while actually scaring the pants off me at the same time. This political satire about a Totalistic, Utopian society where there is no need to think or take any personal responsibility in the "safer" world hits a home run in both entertainment value and as a profound statement on current societal issues.Highly recommended!

Was it all some elaborate plan of Pope's, or just a farce? Me? Looking back now, I think it was the caper to end all capers, and if it I'm right, what he did was nothing short of genius.What you're about to bear witness to is possibly the greatest swindle of all time, one that brought an institution to its knees and made me a rich man in the process... Or it could be just a bunch of crude jokes about a pub's name.Some say it should be a focus of reading groups, should be studied, analysed to try and rinse the truth from the clues that lay scattered in Pope's wake. But I'm telling you it better be done quickly, because time isn't hanging around. Rumour has it there's more on the horizon.You haven't heard the last of this.

"EZICASH" is an excellent novel that captured my attention from the beginning, pulled me in, and never once let go. Each scene was riveting, imaginative, and flowed smoothly from one to the next- never a "dull part" where you get bored or want to skip ahead... in fact almost the opposite with the various interweaving plotlines and going from one character and event to the next. The descriptions were very strong, and I mean with the Thompson's word choice-unique and powerful. I felt like I was genuinely inside the characters' heads experiencing the world through their eyes, for better or worse. This is a standalone novel (not part of any series it appears) but I would love to read more from Ian

Thompson in the future. He has a natural gift for creating a well-thought out story and developing deeply memorable characters that stay with you and deliver a deeper message than appears on the surface. (5 stars) DarlaOrtiz-- Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes Noble; Indie Book ers

About the Author Ian Thompson is from South London, UK. To date he has four books published, EZICASH, a satirical look at Health and Safety mixed with greed, and 54th State, a mix of political intrigue, a space mission and a love story, are both satirical and are available through and in the Select program. Murder at the Jolly Jester is a dozy, cozy mystery of truly un-epic proportions featuring an impossible murder, an idiot of a protagonist and a cast of suspects, all set in a Kent village. Dead Souls Society is the next book in that series and delves into the paranormal in a tongue in cheek manner.