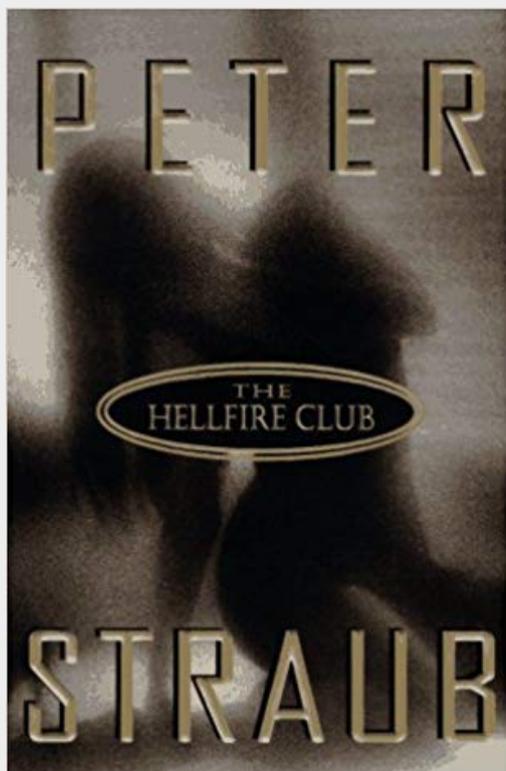


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A riveting new thriller from the award-winning author of Ghost Story. Nora, a bored housewife, married to a weakling of a husband, is kidnapped at gunpoint by Dick Dart, a man who is suspected of committing four recent murders. Now Nora can stay alive only by feeding Dart's ego and outwitting him without seeming to do so.



Reviews of the **The Hellfire Club** by Peter Straub

1. LeXXXuS

I seldom read novels that make me think ...this one is an exception. Not that I avoid them, but in this genre few authors have finesse.....Straub winds a fantastic tale of self awareness, fear and survival. I'm going to

read it again.

But not in an old hotel.

2. Goldcrusher

This is my all-time favourite Peter Straub novel. I've just recently finished reading it for a sixth time, and I absolutely adore it. There's so much to savour. I have so many favourite parts: the history behind "Night Journey" (which is obviously reminiscent of "The Lord of the Rings") - Paddy Mann and The Hellfire Club of the title; Dick Dart's wonderfully twisted campness; Daisy's hysterics after misinterpreting Nora's opinions of her sprawling novel (the Poison family are hilarious); the brief but intense flashbacks to Nora's Vietnam experiences; the story of the tragic poet Katherine Mannheim and Helen Day, the 'Cup Bearer'; and finally the brilliantly brutal finale at Shorelands. I highly recommend this excellent novel. If you've read Straub before, you'll love it. If you've never read him before, this book is the perfect introduction to his world. The novel is so multi-layered, you'll want to read it again and again.

3. Rose Of Winds

Had a hard time getting into it, but once the story and characters were established, it was easier to follow it.

4. Siralune

Solid horror and a good mystery to boot. I really liked the protagonist, and I am always ready for disappointment when a man tries to write a

believable woman character. My only criticism is that the title of the novel led me to believe that the actual Hellfire Club in the story would have a larger role, but it is pretty minor. The story doesn't suffer for it though, so I still enjoyed the story immensely.

5. mIni-Like

I had trouble following it in the beginning, but by the end, I wanted it to be longer! A story I won't soon forget. A really good read.

6. Thomand

Addictive and I loved almost every minute of it. The twisted turns and resolution left me thinking what happened next.

7. Gavirim

I have not read any of Peter Straubs books for many years, I just didn't have time. I was amazed at the twists that this story had with turns in the plot that I didn't see coming. It was a page turner.

8. I usually like this author. But this book was hard to get into, even for me

who likes a very good mystery/horror.

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