

The Man in the High Castle, Philip K. Dick

Philip K. Dick's biographie :

Philip K. Dick was an American novelist, a short story writer and a sify essayist born on 16th December 1928 in Chicago, Illinois and died on 2nd March 1982 (54 years old) in Santa Ana, Californie. He lived most of his life in an entire poverty despite the fact that he received many prizes when he was alive. He, as a matter of fact, reveived, among others, the John Wood Campbell Memorial prize for *Flow my Tears, the Policeman Said* and the Hugo prize for *The Man in the High Castle*. Moreover, many of his works have been adapting into films such as Blade Runner, Total Recall or Minority Report for the most well-known.

The Man in the High Castle :

We face to an anticipation novel. Indeed, in this work Philip K. Dick offers an image of what could have be the United States of the 60s in a word dominate by Nazis. In fact, the plot takes place in a context where Germany won World War II.

The global story is an addition of life from a large and various panel of characters. We follow story from either Italian, German, American, Japanese, extremely poor or very rich persons. However, how different seem to be all of these characters they are all link to a book that everyone consult as often as they want. This book that they cherish as a Bible will change their behavior into madness. They are all indeed obsessed by this book and its writer : the man who live in the high castle.

In regarding this work in a second degree we can draw parallels between the book they are fanatic in and *Mein Kampf* as well as the position of the writer and Hitler. No doubt Hitler's book would have taken such a big scope and his figure would have been as powerfull as God if the war would have ended in another way.

Let's remember that Hitler had as country house a castle lost in the forest in a mountain. We find the image of a man living in a castle which is located at a high altitude. This position not only shows the superiority of the man but also his wish to be away from the population so as to control it even more and better.

This is not without remembering an English masterpiece published 13 years before Pilipp K. Dick one : *1984* by Georges Orwell.

