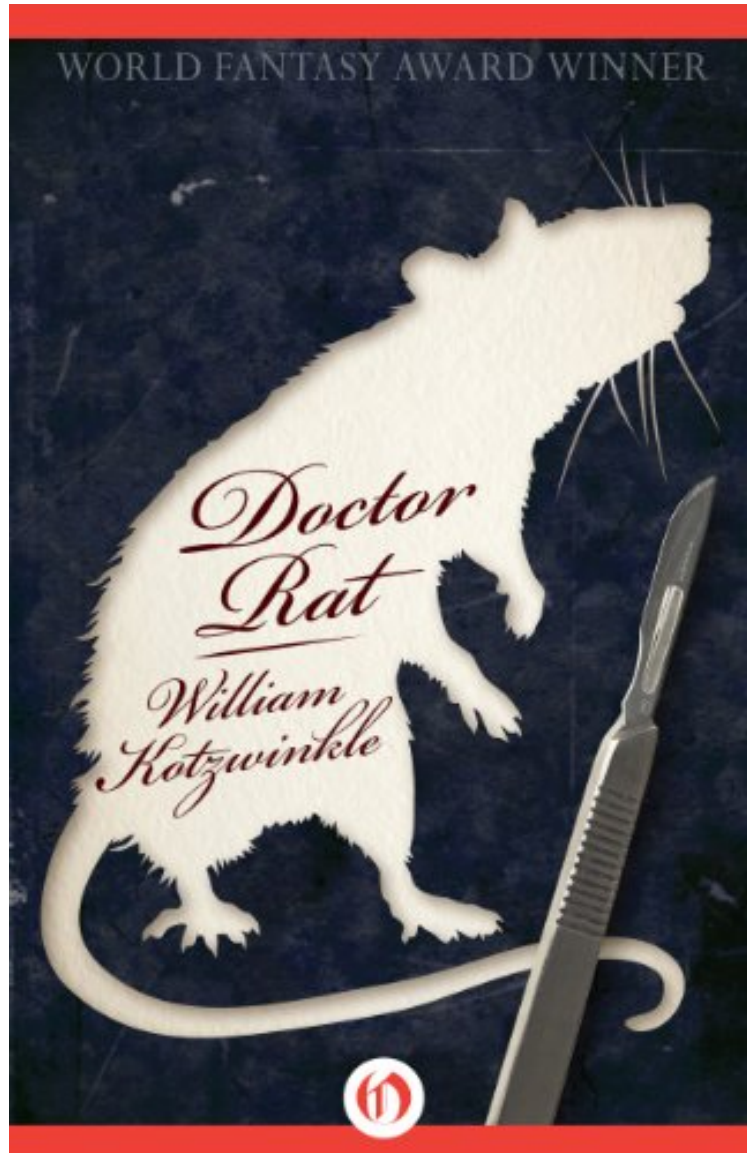


Doctor Rat

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William Kotzwinkle : Doctor Rat before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Doctor Rat:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Read this book By Pamela Tracy This is a difficult book to read. Doctor Rat is the animal that tells of all of the gruesome scientific experiments done to many animals and they are realistic and very very sickening. It saddened me to read this book. The saddest part of this book was Doctor Rat talking to the other animals as they exist in the lab and talking about the experiments they will be tortured for which

will end up in animals dying and existing in pain from these sick sick experiments. Doctor Rat tells all of his lab animals though, to remember, 'DEATH IS FREEDOM.' I have been signing petitions for the end to animal experimentation in this country....we have gone too far...hopefully all that abuse animals and their animal welfare activists do not go to heaven.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. It is hard to call this a book. An experience would be a better fit.By VargkungKotzwinkle is definitely a fan of the odd, sarcastic, parables, holding a mirror up to absurdity and hypocrisy all without getting preachy. Doctor Rat is a rat in a research lab. One of the subjects of many experiences, driven mad by them...and damn proud of it. As self-appointed subject spokesanimal for the human researchers he points out the horrors that man can inflict in the name of maybe, possibly discovering something, somehow new that my have possible uses in the world but they don't matter because scientific research is its own reward and results often get in the way of good science.I first read this book when I was 12 and it was instrumental in how I developed my personal perspectives, ethics and attitudes about animals, man as and animal and separate from them, and scientific research. 20 years later, I was a research assistant in a biomedical research lab and found myself performing experiments on live animals. Doctor Rat climbed out of the dusty recesses of my memories and sat on my shoulder singing one of his songs encouraging me to chop another tail, to ether another rat...and I quit my position in the lab.Later that same year, I got the opportunity to speak with William Kotzwinkle. Specifically about Doctor Rat. No one who has read the book except him is surprised that it has the power to change how we see and think about our furred, feathered and scaled fellow travelers on this planet. He was amazed that the book is reprinted and reprinted as each generation discovers the mad Doctor.Never think you know what to expect. I mean even the Doctor was surprised to find himself being bugged on a filthy mattress in an apartment over a gay bar.You didn't see that one coming, did you?1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hope in art: A bold read on animal testing horrorBy Shel GravesA good read, but also horrifying. I'd put this squarely in the horror genre.Sadly, much of this book reads as more fact than fiction. See articles such as "Ten worst laboratories that do animal testing" including John Hopkins and Columbia University mentioned in this book and American Anti-Vivisection Society to see how animals including dogs, cats, rabbits, chimpanzees and mice and rats are used in labs. Also Google Journal of Toxicology, Journal of Pain and LD50.On a bright note, a search for "John Hopkins University animal experimentation" pulls up the university's Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing (CAAT) founded in 1981.At the same time, it's lovely the way the author boldly, deftly and artfully inhabits the minds of a variety of animal characters including a rat, dog, tortoise, elephant, rhino and sloth. A recommended read: There's hope in empathy and art.

Winner of the World Fantasy Award"DOCTOR RAT is dazzlingly original, witty and insanely satiric. It is also occasionally quite beautiful. Kotzwinkle's tale is a dizzying montage...from scenes of gross black humor in the experimental lab to idyllic glimpses of the animal kingdom. Designed to shock us into ecological awareness, Kotzwinkle's lab experiments are hair-raising."--Los Angeles TimesA bloodcurdling novel in the spirit of ANIMAL FARM and 1984, DOCTOR RAT is a trip through a laboratory worthy of a Nazi mad doctor, except this doctor is a wisecracking rodent who could have been played by Groucho Marx. The London Times called DOCTOR RAT, "a splendidly nutty animal Magnificat with echoes of William Blake." "Mr. Kotzwinkle is a first-rate fabulist."--The New York Times

From Library JournalThis duo from 1976 and 1989, respectively, are both farces in their own way, except one is dead serious and the other dead funny. Dr. Rat (LJ 7/76) is a cry against animal experimentation told from the point of view of a veteran lab rat. The Midnight Examiner (LJ 4/1/89) follows the motley editorial staff of a tabloid including a bevy of sleazy reporters and a blowgun-wielding publisher.Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. "Doctor Rat is dazzlingly original, witty and insanely satiric. It is also occasionally quite beautiful. "A clout from the pen of a modern Zen master of the literary world." New Musical Express "It's as good as Gulliver's Travels and Kotzwinkle is very close to Jonathan Swift... a masterpiece by a WAY-out writer." Readers Syndicate "Doctor Rat is a fascinating book, full of deeply felt emotion, important ideas, and heartbreaking insights." Charleston Evening Post"Kotzwinkle is a truly imaginative impresario of the might-almost-be-true and here he spins a new fable on the cyclometered wheels in the laboratory of Doctor Rat. How can you not enjoy Doctor Rat? It teases your conscience with educated wit and versatile improvisation, not to mention the casual flick of a tail about to be cut off." Kirkus s "A comic triumph... Doctor Rat is thoroughly anthropomorphic, very funny, and not lacking in the bite of truth essential to good satire. " The New Scientist"Kotzwinkle is always in control. His writing has an eloquent sense of timing and brevity, and his quisling rodent proves to be an ingenious device, one that cleverly wisecracks us into a gut-churning realization of just how self-oriented and inhumane our species really is." Book Letter "A faint but authentic Blakeian echo in Mr. Kotzwinkle's rage gives the book the voltage necessary to bypass insulating ideas and strike right into the emotions." The ListenerAbout the AuthorWilliam Kotzwinkle is a novelist, children's writer, and screenwriter. He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Kotzwinkle won the World Fantasy Award for Best Novel for DOCTOR RAT in 1977, and he has also won the National Magazine Award for fiction.Kotzwinkle wrote the novelization of the screenplay for E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL (1982) and also wrote an original follow-up novel E. T. THE BOOK OF THE GREEN

PLANET)1985). Among his most popular titles are a series of children's books featuring the title character of the first book in the series, WALTER THE FARTING DOG (2001). To date, there are six titles in the series. Starting with the third book in the series, Kotzwinkle's wife, Elizabeth Gundy is listed a co-author on the titles.