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## Pale Fire

By Vladimir Nabokov

Penguin Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 192 x 128 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Vladimir Nabokov's *Pale Fire*, with its wildly original narrative structure, is a postmodern masterpiece from the author of *Lolita*, skewering the politics of academia, the struggle for interpretation, and the infinite subjectivity of human experience, published in Penguin Modern Classics. The American poet John Shade is dead; murdered. His last poem, *Pale Fire*, is put into a book, together with a preface, a lengthy commentary and notes by Shade's editor, Charles Kinbote. Known on campus as the Great Beaver, Kinbote is haughty, inquisitive, intolerant, but is he also mad, bad - and even dangerous? As his wildly eccentric annotations slide into the personal and the fantastical, Kinbote reveals perhaps more than he ought. Who is Charles Kinbote - could he be the exiled King Charles of Zembla, or the Russian madman, Professor Botkin? Or is he just another of John Shade's literary inventions? Nabokov's darkly witty, richly inventive masterwork is a suspenseful whodunit, a story of one-upmanship and dubious penmanship, and a glorious literary conundrum. A Jack-in-the-box, a Faberge gem, a clockwork toy, a chess...



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