

Kraken

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With this outrageous new novel, China Miéville has written one of the strangest, funniest, and flat-out scariest books you will read this-or any other-year. The London that comes to life in *Kraken* is a weird metropolis awash in secret currents of myth and magic, where criminals, police, cultists, and wizards are locked in a war to bring about-or prevent-the End of All Things.

In the Darwin Centre at London's Natural History Museum, Billy Harrow, a cephalopod specialist, is conducting a tour whose climax is meant to be the Centre's prize specimen of a rare *Architeuthis dux*-better known as the Giant Squid. But Billy's tour takes an unexpected turn when the squid suddenly and impossibly vanishes into thin air.

As Billy soon discovers, this is the precipitating act in a struggle to the death between mysterious but powerful forces in a London whose existence he has been blissfully ignorant of until now, a city whose denizens-human and otherwise-are adept in magic and murder.

There is the Congregation of God Kraken, a sect of squid worshippers whose roots go back to the dawn of humanity-and beyond. There is the criminal mastermind known as the Tattoo, a merciless maniac inked onto the flesh of a hapless victim. There is the FSRC-the Fundamentalist and Sect-Related Crime Unit-a branch of London's finest that fights sorcery

with sorcery. There is Wati, a spirit from ancient Egypt who leads a ragtag union of magical familiars. There are the Londonmancers, who read the future in the city's entrails. There is Grisamentum, London's greatest wizard, whose shadow lingers long after his death. And then there is Goss and Subby, an ageless old man and a cretinous boy who, together, constitute a terrifying-yet darkly charismatic-demonic duo.

All of them-and others-are in pursuit of Billy, who inadvertently holds the key to the missing squid, an embryonic god whose powers, properly harnessed, can destroy all that is, was, and ever shall be.

"The Soft Intelligence": 5 Underrated Literary Cephalopods by China Miéville

It was Jacques-Yves Cousteau and Philippe Diol who named cephalopods 'the soft intelligence', in the subtitle to their 1973 book *Octopus and Squid*. At first, the adjective seems vaguely simpering, as if these ambassadors of alterity are in fact safe, unthreatening, cuddly. But immediately comes a strangeness. If they are a, no, the soft intelligence, what are we? Hard intelligence? Soft unintelligence? Why are they soft intelligence singular? Is each but an iteration of some tentacular totality? What strange sentience. An opaque collective.

There are rules to this exercise. No invented species nor chimerical monsters--though this doesn't preclude gigantism nor a little taxonomic vagueness. Thus the 'huge, brown,

glistening bulk' of William Hope Hodgson's 'mighty devil-fish' in The Boats of the 'Glen Carrig' would be permissible: haploteuthis ferox, that hitherto unknown squid that assailed the English coast in H.G. Wells's The Sea Raiders is not: still less would be Cthulhu, despite his admirably tentacular visage. And as the effort here is to overturn a few rocks less jostled to see what coils beneath, much celebrated ceph-lit has been left alone. Captain Nemo's nemesis is not here. Benchley's Beast is absent, as is Lautréamont's octopus spirit from Maldoror. The astounding ruminations on the octopus-as-bad-ontology in Victor Hugo's otherwise 'prodigiously boring book' (Sebald) Toilers of the Sea, remain indispensable--but elsewhere.

See China Mieville's full list of underrated literary cephalopods at Omnivoracious, Amazon.com's books blog In such novels as Perdido Street Station and the groundbreaking SF thriller The City & The City, China Mieville has astonished and delighted an ever-growing body of readers. In Kraken, he gives us his most absorbing creation to date, an eschatological epic that reaffirms his position as the foremost urban fantasist of the modern era. The story begins with the impossible disappearance of Architeuthis Dux - a gigantic squid - from London's Natural History Museum. To some, that squid is simply a bizarre natural phenomenon. To others, it is an enigmatic divinity and a harbinger of the End of Days. The drama that arises from its disappearance illuminates the varied array of magical forces that live-have always lived-beneath the quotidian surface of London. The result is a visionary narrative of men and their gods, of magic, murder, and apocalypse. Densely imagined, enormously funny, and filled with unforgettable images, Kraken is a work of baroque grandeur and great originality that only China Mieville could have written.

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