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PHILIP K. DICK

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 new edition

SALES POINTS:

- Fully revised and updated edition
- 25th anniversary of Philip K Dick's death
- His stories have been repeatedly raided by Hollywood - *Bladerunner*, *Minority Report*, *Paycheck*, aspects of *Alien* etc.
- Reputation still rising as the world catches up with the prodigious outpouring of his imagination.

MARKET:

Science fiction, literature, literary criticism

DESCRIPTION:

Who was Dick? A freaked-out junkie who took too many drugs? An explorer of madness who go too close to his subject and ended up claiming to have met God? A practical joker? The most consistently brilliant SF writer in the world?

At a time when most SF was about cowboys in outer space, Dick explored the landscapes of the mind, conjured with fake realities and was able to make you believe six impossible things before breakfast. He embodied the counter-culture a decade before the 1960's.

Perhaps best known for *Do Androids Dream Of Electric Sheep?* - the novel which inspired *Blade Runner* - Dick's world is one where psychiatrists come in suitcases, and where God speaks through cat food commercials and comes in a handy aerosol can. And where you might be a figment of someone else's imagination...

As well as an introductory essay, this pocket sized volume reviews and analyses each of Philip K Dick's novels, and for those who want more there is a listing of the many other books and articles which have grappled with this genius.

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