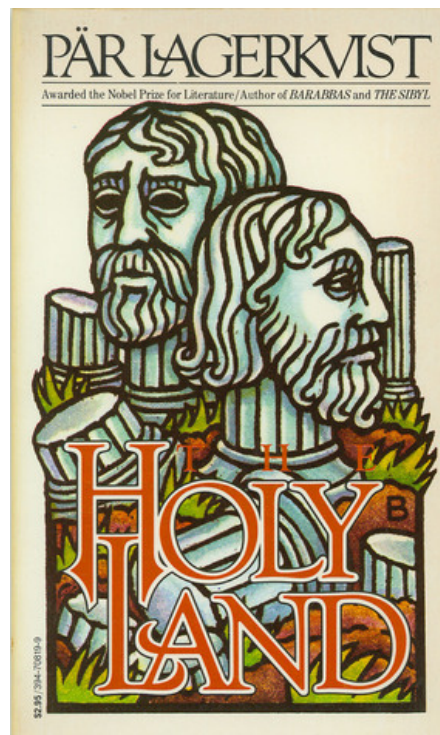




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Peter Olofsson says

Spoilers

A deserving end to the quintology that begins with 'Barabbas'.

Lagerkvists 'The Holy Land' is a novel about one man coming to terms with the disappointments of his life and the ability to make the best of a seemingly futile situation. After he resigns to the reality of his oncoming demise, it turns out that it his journey, not the goal that is central, and only with this realization our character, and the reader, reach the Holy Land and inner peace. This story is a journey, a man closing in on death in an almost hallucinatory dream like state of mind where we travel towards our own end. It is unclear if the novel takes place in an actual setting realistic or if it's just imagination.

In the same way this book is a comment from the author, a conclusion and summary of his own life, the quintology itself, and human life in general.

I'd also say that this book is an essential read in order to understand the quintology.

William S. says

If one has gotten this far in the Pär Lagerkvist's pentalogy, one is sure to enjoy this book as well.

While just as apathetic to judgement and distinct conclusions as the rest of the pentalogy, this one gives us a bit more understanding of how to journey through the fog that Lagerkvist's books tend to be. The whole point is to journey, that the goal might not be reachable. Kafka once wrote, "The whole visible world is perhaps nothing more than the rationalization of a man who wants to find peace for a moment. An attempt to falsify the actuality of knowledge, to regard knowledge as a goal still to be reached." This pentalogy extends this further than one could think. What does that peace mean? How can one attain it? What is the knowledge one attempts to falsify, what is to be still reached? And even more important than those questions, the most important word of that quote is "perhaps". Perhaps this is simply wrong and we are misinterpreting the entirety.

Lagerkvist's tales give us something to think about, a what if. Even if no absolute opinion is given by the author, at least he gives a path to walk on for a while, to perhaps find rest from other ideas.

Kristoffer Sørensen says

Pär Lagerkvist was a genius. The greatest author i've ever read. This book is like the rest a great one!

Sarja says

Bra bok, men inser nu i efterhand att det är en del av en serie, därtill den sista delen, och inte en fristående

bok. Ack, dessa missar man kan göra!

Språket är fantastiskt i vanlig ordning med Lagerkvist och jag ser fram emot att läsa resten av denna serie.

Matthew says

Not one of my favorite Lagerkvist, but a must for fans.

Dan says

This short novella is, much like the other works of Lagerkvist I have read, full of wonder. His simple use of language seems to convey so much more than could ever be expected. The Holy Land feels very much like a religious book without the problems of religion, it is quite lovely.

Drew Johnson says

Guide book and History book on Israel as part of trip.
