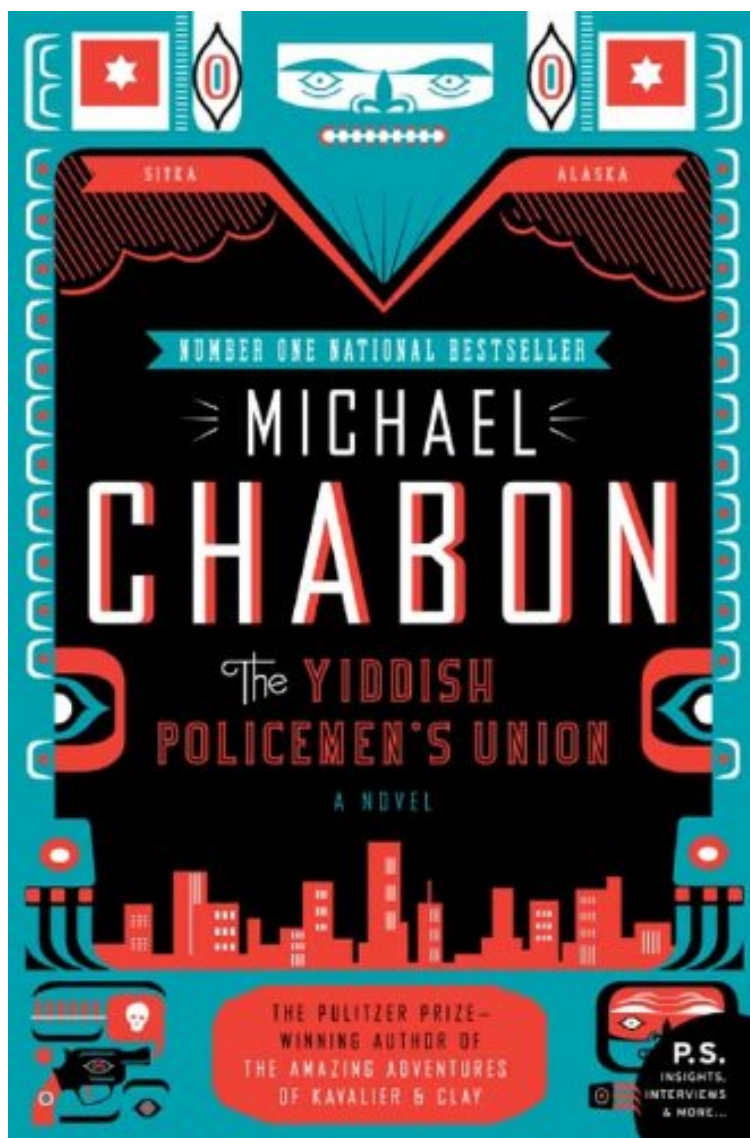


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dropped immediately, and Landsman finds himself contending with all the powerful forces of faith, obsession, evil, and salvation that are his heritage. At once a gripping whodunit, a love story, and an exploration of the mysteries of exile and redemption, *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* is a novel only Michael Chabon could have written. *Revue de presse* The fanciful Sitka of *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* plays the delicate, infinitely complex game of fiction fairly: this place is so vividly imagined you practically need a parka and a prayer shawl to get from one page to the next, but it's also blatantly impossible, and that's its saving grace. It's a welcoming homeland for imaginary people which is all fiction is, anyway. But this novel slowly, movingly allows at least a couple of its imaginary denizens, Landsman and his tough ex-wife... to become real to themselves, to find a story they can live in without feeling imprisoned or cosmically cheated... Nice novel. (New York Times Book Review) Is it possible to combine Raymond Chandler and Isaac Bashevis Singer? In an alternate-universe version of Alaska, yet? It seems you can, if you're as talented a fantasist as Chabon. While respecting the conventions of the detective story, he spins an immensely satisfying yarn that combines chess, murder, and politics. (Stephen King, Entertainment Weekly) Chabon's prose is so awesome . . . there's not much that Chabon . . . can't do with words. (Time Magazine) Presentation de l'auteur For sixty years Jewish refugees and their descendants have prospered in the Federal District of Sitka, a "temporary" safe haven created in the wake of the Holocaust and the shocking 1948 collapse of the fledgling state of Israel. The Jews of the Sitka District have created their own little world in the Alaskan panhandle, a vibrant and complex frontier city that moves to the music of Yiddish. But now the District is set to revert to Alaskan control, and their dream is coming to an end. Homicide detective Meyer Landsman of the District Police has enough problems without worrying about the upcoming Reversion. His life is a shambles, his marriage a wreck, his career a disaster. And in the cheap hotel where Landsman has washed up, someone has just committed a murder right under his nose. When he begins to investigate the killing of his neighbor, a former chess prodigy, word comes down from on high that the case is to be dropped immediately, and Landsman finds himself contending with all the powerful forces of faith, obsession, evil, and salvation that are his heritage. At once a gripping whodunit, a love story, and an exploration of the mysteries of exile and redemption, *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* is a novel only Michael Chabon could have written.