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Editorial Review

From Library Journal

This duo from 1976 and 1989, respectively, are both farces in their own way, except one is dead serious and the other dead funny. *Dr. Rat* (LJ 7/76) is a cry against animal experimentation told from the point of view of a veteran lab rat. *The Midnight Examiner* (LJ 4/1/89) follows the motley editorial staff of a tabloid including a bevy of sleazy reporters and a blowgun-wielding publisher.

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Review

"*Doctor Rat* is dazzlingly original, witty and insanely satiric. It is also occasionally quite beautiful. "A clout from the pen of a modern Zen master of the literary world." *New Musical Express*

"It's as good as *Gulliver's Travels* and Kotzwinkle is very close to Jonathan Swift... a masterwork by a WAY-out writer." *Readers Syndicate*

"*Doctor Rat* is a fascinating book, full of deeply felt emotion, important ideas, and heartbreaking insights." *Charleston Evening Post*

"Kotzwinkle is a truly imaginative impresario of the might-almost-be-true and here he spins a new fable on the cyclometered wheels in the laboratory of Doctor Rat. How can you not enjoy *Doctor Rat*? It teases your conscience with educated wit and versatile improvisation, not to mention the casual flick of a tail about to be cut off." *Kirkus Reviews*

"A comic triumph... *Doctor Rat* is thoroughly anthropomorphic, very funny, and not lacking in the bite of truth essential to good satire." *The New Scientist*

"Kotzwinkle is always in control. His writing has an eloquent sense of timing and brevity, and his quisling rodent proves to be an ingenious device, one that cleverly wisecracks us into a gut-churning realization of just how self-oriented and inhumane our species really is." *Book Letter*

"A faint but authentic Blakeian echo in Mr. Kotzwinkle's rage gives the book the voltage necessary to bypass insulating ideas and strike right into the emotions." *The Listener*

About the Author

William Kotzwinkle is a novelist, children's writer, and screenwriter. He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Kotzwinkle won the World Fantasy Award for Best Novel for *DOCTOR RAT* in 1977, and he has also won the National Magazine Award for fiction.

Kotzwinkle wrote the novelization of the screenplay for *E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL* (1982) and also wrote an original follow-up novel *E. T. THE BOOK OF THE GREEN PLANET* (1985). Among his most popular titles are a series of children's books featuring the title character of the first book in the series, *WALTER THE FARTING DOG* (2001). To date, there are six titles in the series. Starting with the third book in the series, Kotzwinkle's wife, Elizabeth Gundy is listed a co-author on the titles.

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