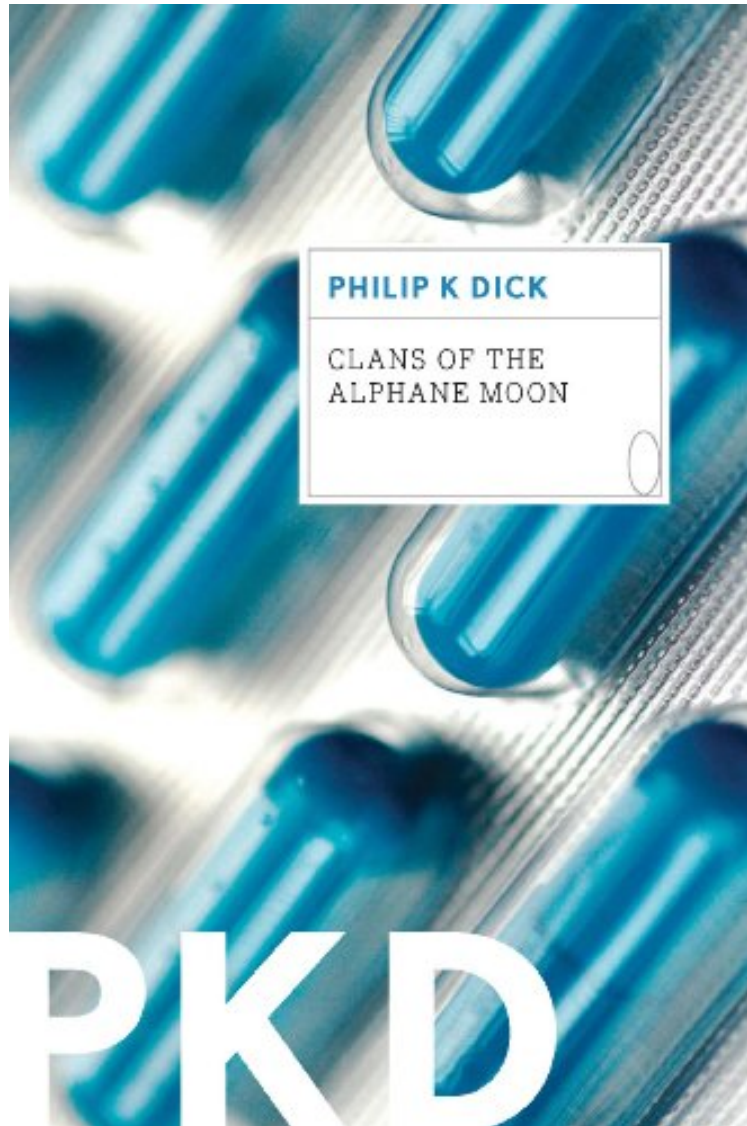


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Von Philip K. Dick

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Von Philip K. Dick : Clans of the Alphane Moon before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Clans of the Alphane Moon:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An overlooked masterpieceVon Ein KundeI don't know to which book the other reviewer refers, but it can't be Clans of the Alphane Moon. First of all, it's none of the posthumously published ones, but was first published in 1964. And then, that other reviewer seems not to know what he's writing about at all, otherwise he wouldn't call VALIS a

"simulacrum" -- he obviously doesn't know the meaning of this word. Clans of the Alphane Moon is one of Dick's more humorous and satirical novels. On the Alphane Moon there exists a society of mentally deranged people, living in clans according to their psychoses (whether they are paranoids or hebephrenics and so on). This motif is very Swiftian and very well realized. Especially the passages written from the viewpoint of a schizophrenic visionary make up for interesting reading. Furthermore the novel has -- like Dick's *Now Wait for Last Year* -- a dysfunctional marital situation (obviously based on Dick's own situation at the time of writing, because he had just separated from his wife Anne), in which the cold wife wants everything she can get from her husband, and he in turn makes plans to assassinate her through a simulacrum. On top of that this novel features a compassionate Ganymedean slime mold. Who but Dick could think of that? I rank this one on the same level as *Now Wait ...*, *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* (on which *Blade Runner* was based) and *The Three Stigmata of Palmer Eldritch* -- but go see for yourself.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. *Rundreise durch Schizophrenia-Land* Von Ein Kunde Dick beschäftigt sich in diesem relativ frühen Werk wieder einmal mit seinem Lieblingsthema: Dem Wahnsinn und der Relativität der Realität. Ein Mond von Alpha Centauri wird als riesiges Irrenhaus der Erde kolonisiert. Ein Krieg schneidet den Mond aber von Mutter Erde ab und die Schizophrenen müssen sich selbst verwalten. Nach einer gewissen Zeit bildet sich eine Gesellschaft von Kasten heraus, die mit Geisteskrankheiten korrespondieren: Die Paranoide bilden die politische Klasse, die Manisch-Obsessiven die Beamten, die Schizophrenen die Dichter usw. Doch dann landet ein Schiff von der Erde mit einem Forschungsauftrag. An Bord ist u.a. ein zerstrittenes, geschiedenes Ehepaar. Ein typisch Dickianischer Plot zwischen Wahnsinn, Ehekrieg und Normalität entspinnt sich. Dick hat sicherlich tiefergründigere Romane geschrieben, aber als Gedankenexperiment ist 'Clans of the Alphane Moon' sehr spannend und außerdem unterhaltsam.

0 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. *Feeble whisper from beyond the grave* Von Ein Kunde Like all the other posthumous PKD novels ("*The Man Whose Teeth Were All Exactly Alike*," etc.) this novel needs no further explanation for why it wasn't published during the great man's lifetime. Really, there's no reason to waste any time with it when you have a (well-edited, suspenseful) simulacrum called "Valis," his never-topped Hugo winner from 1963 ("*The Man in the High Castle*") and a much spicier, sadder and more compelling '70s period romp ("*A Scanner Darkly*"). This is really nothing more than a draft, and readers who think this is a masterpiece just haven't read enough of the master to tell the difference. The grave robbers should have been content with their "Total Recall" residuals and left the corpse alone.

Kurzbeschreibung On a planet run by escapees from a mental institution, the doctors who arrive to restore order may be the craziest of all. For years, the third moon in the Alphane system was used as a psychiatric hospital. But when war broke out between Earth and the Alphanes, the hospital was left unguarded and the inmates set up their own society, made up of competing factions based around each mental illness. When Earth sends a delegation to take back the colony, they find enclaves of depressives, schizophrenics, paranoiacs, and other mentally ill people coming together to repel what they see as a foreign invasion. Meanwhile, back on Earth, CIA agent Chuck Rittersdorf and his wife Mary are going through a bitter divorce, with Chuck losing everything. But when Chuck is assigned to clandestinely control an android accompanying Mary to the Alphane moon, he sees an opportunity to get his revenge.