

Ever since his first novel, *Fight Club*, was made into a cult film by David Fincher, Chuck Palahniuk has been a consistent presence on the New York Times best-seller list. A target of critics but a fan favorite, Palahniuk has been loathed and loved in equal measure for his dark humor, edgy topics, and confrontational writing style. In close readings of *Fight Club* and the thirteen novels that this controversial author has published since, Douglas Keesey argues that Palahniuk is much more than a "œshock jock" engaged in mere sensationalism. His visceral depictions of sex and violence have social, psychological, and religious significance. Keesey takes issue with reviewers who accuse Palahniuk of being an angry nihilist and a misanthrope, showing instead that he is really a romantic at heart and a believer in community. In this first comprehensive introduction to Palahniuk's fiction, Keesey reveals how this writer's outrageous narratives are actually rooted in his own personal experiences, how his seemingly unprecedented works are part of the American literary tradition of protagonists in search of an identity, and how his negative energy is really social satire directed at specific ills that he diagnoses and wishes to cure. After tracing the influence of his working-class background, his journalistic education, and his training as a "œminimalist" writer, *Understanding Chuck Palahniuk* exposes connections between the writer's novels by grouping them thematically: the struggle for identity (*Fight Club*, *Invisible Monsters*, *Survivor*, *Choke*); the horror trilogy (*Lullaby*, *Diary*, *Haunted*); teen terrors (*Rant*, *Pygmy*); porn bodies and romantic myths (*Snuff*, *Tell-All*, *Beautiful You*); and a decidedly unorthodox revision of Dante's *Divine Comedy* (*Damned*, *Doomed*). Drawing on numerous author interviews and written in an engaging and accessible style, *Understanding Chuck Palahniuk* should appeal to scholars, students, and fans alike.

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Series: Understanding Contemporary American Literature Charles Michael Palahniuk was born in the small desert town of Pasco, Washington, on February . *Understanding Chuck Palahniuk* ebook by Douglas Keesey, Linda Wagner- Martin. Extrait collections *Understanding Contemporary American Literature*. Titles in the series: *Understanding Contemporary American Literature* . Cover image for *Understanding Chuck Palahniuk* More Info Â· *Understanding Chuck*. Keesey takes issue with reviewers who accuse Palahniuk of being an angry nihilist and a Series, *Understanding Contemporary American Literature*. Charles Michael Palahniuk is an American novelist and freelance journalist, who describes his Spanbauer largely inspired Palahniuk's minimalistic writing style. .. The Love Theme of Sybil and William in Modern Short Stories (); *Insiders* in *Best Life* Douglas Keesey () *Understanding Chuck Palahniuk*. Editor(s): Francisco Collado-Rodriguez Media of Chuck Palahniuk. See larger image Series: *Bloomsbury Studies in Contemporary North American Fiction*. A frequent complaint against contemporary American fiction is that too often understand and appreciate books that might otherwise seem difficult to enjoy. Burroughs, Kathy Acker, Chuck Palahniuk, and Cormac McCarthy. Chuck Palahniuk is a contemporary American writer whose novels have been adapted into acclaimed *Understanding Chuck Palahniuk*. \$ BUY NOW. *Reading Chuck Palahniuk: American Monsters and Literary Mayhem* *Understanding Contemporary American Literature*.

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