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A relentlessly squalid exploration of failure, heavy drinking, depression, and murder, Hangover Square was originally published in 1941. The author, who is best remembered today for his plays Rope and Gaslight, both of which became terrifically creepy movies, knew fame and success in his lifetime. But his alcoholism and difficulties with personal attachments (J. B. Priestly said of Hamilton, "He is the novelist of innocence, appallingly vulnerable, and of malevolence, coming out of some mysterious darkness of evil") culminated, in his fifties, in emptiness, obsession, and, finally, obscurity and a lonely death.

This novel centers on an overweight, seedy, lumpen Englishman, George Bone, whose solitary life centers entirely on drinking himself into a stupor in a cheerless local pub. Change comes when he meets and falls madly in love with Netta, a harsh, selfish, vicious woman who treats George with a highly advanced level of sadistic psychological punishment. Besides regularly passing out in drunken stupors, George is prey, in...

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man, that gets memory lapses whenever he hears discordant sounds and his dark side takes over. Hangover Square book. Read 390 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Hamilton captures the edgy, obsessive and eventually murderous min... We'd love your help. Let us know what's wrong with this preview of Hangover Square by Patrick Hamilton. Problem: It's the wrong book It's the wrong edition Other. Hangover Square 28 November 2017 | Trailers from Hell. See all related articles ». Around The Web. HANGOVER SQUARE was Laird Cregar's last film (he died at 28) and he turns in a fine performance. You can see how haggard he looks from his 100+ pound weight lose which happened before and during the filming of this movie. His appearance and exhaustion fit well with the role of George Bone though.