

5.0 out of 5 starsI JUST COULDN'T WAIT!!!

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Usually I'm a very patient person. When I'm into enjoying something that's really, really good I like to prolong my enjoyment. I've read about a third of Seltzer's epic novel set in the turbulent times of the 20th century, and frankly I couldn't wait until I read all 941 pages to write a positive 5-star review of his remarkable storytelling skills. He has the ability to write about "dirt"--the soil kind and make it exciting. He really in his element when he writes about the dirty nasty scheming that prevailed during these rank decades. His insight into the Columbia students protesting the "winless war" in Vietnam is spot on. He correctly concludes the race between JFK and Nixon was mostly determined by paid out "street money." Yes, it's about coal and all the dirty dealings surrounding the dwindling commerce of mining coal--it's about so much more, presented from various perspectives of life and the changing times of the last century.

I'm retired sooo I have the time to read lots of ebooks. Lots of those ebooks are worthy of reviews that I never got around to writing. That wasn't going to happen with this ebook. That's why I couldn't wait to begin my review.

**Take care and enjoy often... John
Author of the weather thriller "BLASTING TORNADOS"**

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One rarely experiences historical fiction with the depth and breadth of information as in that of the "Point of the Pick. . .". This is a thriller rich with historical facts extending from the era of the great industrialist robber barons of the early 20th century; through actions, on the part of the subsequent latter-day mafia criminals to control the coal mining families in West Virginia in the 1970s. Parts of Mr. Seltzer's story resonate with certain truth--as though many of the contemporary events were impassioned by his own experience or those of in-person recountings.

Written with a modernist style and sensibility, the chapters move through time and differing locales with many asides and colorful metaphors. The coal miners, who, when able, are found continually fighting back as necessity demanded--if not the sixth commandment. With the coal mining industry in the news of late, I found this a timely and compelling murder mystery about an industry that had its importance in facilitating the development of our country-by hook or by crook.

Elaine Dines, author

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The novel, the Point of the Pick deals with a somewhat neglected period of American history the early 70's, when the country was recovering from the polarizing trauma of the Vietnam war, the civil rights movement and the emergence of a youth counter culture characterized by longer hair, freer sex and an increased use of drugs. It was the beginning of a healing process where the deep wounds of division underwent a healing process. It was a period where all Americans realized they fought a war they should not have been wage and had deprived a large number of their own citizens of their basic rights. Everything in the 60's was black or white, right or wrong. In the 70's both 'sides' came to realize that life is grey.

Seltzer does an excellent job of depicting this fascinating yet complex period in history in classic literary style, by telling a good story that is a microcosm of the period. The story is set in probably the most remote location of the western world, West Virginia in the heart of the Appalachian mountains. It's a 'marriage' between an ex-hippie and Vietnam vet who work together to get the coal miners' union back in hands of the minors. He paints very accurately the historic background of an impoverished region and the people and companies who exploited them, as well as the global forces that radiated upon them from afar and their aspirations for a better life. While Seltzer goes to great length in his introduction to state that the book is pure fiction, the reader walks away with the impression that while the characters and events as written were fictional, every scene in the book actually happened somewhere, someplace sometime. The characters are engaging, the plot full of intrigue and Seltzer's sharp wit and humor is laced throughout the text. Reader beware, however, you won't be doing anything else until you get to page 750.

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The novel opens as two men in a Cadillac are pushed over a cliff in West Virginia -- and the reader is off on a wild ride with some wonderful characters, an insider's sense of detail, a gift for dialogue and a good storyteller's sense of mystery. Readers who experienced 1968 -- or those who want to understand its giddy possibilities -- will appreciate the novel's authenticity. A must-read for anyone in Coal Country, or interested in labor history will enjoy the page-turning drama of the Mafia taking over unions and banks. Seltzer's sense of humor shimmers over the narrative.

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I highly recommend this book

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Point of the Pick is a well written book. The writing is excellent. I highly recommend this book. When I first saw the size of the book, I blinked. But, then I started reading. Page by page went by as I really got into the book. The description of the events are so vivid that I feel as if I were present, the characters people that I know. Times were hard and sometimes corrupt. Seltzer shows just how easy it is to slide, become someone that you aren't.

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I really enjoyed this book. I did not think tying together coal mining, union politics, organized crime and campus war protesting would be possible let alone thoroughly enjoyable, but this book did just that. Mr. Seltzer has captured the era and the times with a really well written book. Easy to read. While the historical perspectives are interesting to relive, its the story of Becker and the Union campaign, organized crime and the press that is the real treasure in the novel. I recommend it whole heartedly.

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An engrossing page turner of 20th century politics and dirt. Seltzer is able to capture the subtleties of the energy economics, the ramifications of unionization and the background futility of the Vietnam War in astonishing detail and, somehow, to make it all gripping. A brilliant new writer and commentator.

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I found this novel to be very captivating. It is rare that I will choose to read a 750 page novel but I found this book hard to put down. The manner in which the author introduced that various characters of the book was useful. The interwoven and social clashes between coal mines, coal miners, coal mine owners, union officials, bankers, organized crime and politics kept me wondering what was about to happen as the story unfolds. I would recommend and have recommended this book to friends.

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Too many nicknames . . . over descriptive . . . enough was enough.

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insightful, detailed, weaves a tapestry of history, politics, and social fabric with a touch of irony....

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This is a blockbuster tale of West Virginia and its northern outpost, Pittsburgh, PA. If up to now you have labored under the mis- impression that "the 'Burgh" is really part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this novel will set you straight. At least well into the 1970s, what made the north-south hook-up between W.VA and W.PA more meaningful than the east-west one between the home of the Steelers and the home of the Eagles, was the bread-and-butter connection between Carnegie/U.S. Steel and West Virginia coal.

A blurb on the book recommends it highly to Godfather fans, and the story has a lot to do with what is apparently Pittsburgh's second largest industry--organized crime. What I personally loved even more about it is the deep-dug portrait of West Virginians by a writer who knows an awful lot about their backwoods, good-as-any lives, and the fatal black stuff under their soil.

I feel like reading this novel has given me not just a tremendously suspenseful ride but a much better understanding of a region and way of life than I ever had as a kid from listening to '50s AM country music out of WWVA.

If you want both a compelling read and richer, sadder insight into how history has cast Appalachia into a starring role in our opioid crisis, this book is a great place to start.

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<https://www.amazon.com/gp/customer-reviews/RKUEOSZ8P5VN3/ref=cm_cr_getr_d_rvw_ttl?ie=UTF8&ASIN=1983720259> 5.0 out of 5 starsAmazing scope
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I'm your average, non-violent female reader. So how did I get utterly engrossed in this humungous novel about organized crime infiltrating the coal mining industry? Because it's about so much more! In fact, the scope and depth of this story blew me away.

Set in West Virginia in 1975, during the two months before the election of a new union president, we witness mining disasters and domestic dramas, murders and cover-ups. We see into the lives of miners, wives, company officials, politicians, journalists, and Mafia hit men and women. We definitely learn about the coal industry and the historical background of each situation, but we hear every word of the conversations and feel the hesitations and breathe the coal dust and occasionally taste the peach pie. And there's a little romance, and an especially fascinating flashback to the student sit-ins at Columbia University in 1968. I think Seltzer had been involved in those, but how did he gain the understanding to write so knowledgeably and realistically about everything else?

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<https://www.amazon.com/gp/customer-reviews/R3PM8EYZELLOHI/ref=cm_cr_getr_d_rvw_ttl?ie=UTF8&ASIN=1983720259> 5.0 out of 5 starsGreat story, keeps you interested

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This novel is an extraordinary tour de force. Loosely linked to actual people and events, it explores a pivotal era in American history that is unfamiliar to most Americans. Coal miner struggles probably seem distant to most people, but this book makes them interesting and relevant. It deals with real, albeit fictional, people who have real emotions and sometimes excruciating dilemmas to deal with, however imperfectly. Although billed as a novel of the 20th century, most of it takes place in 1975, focusing on a democratic insurgency in the coal miners' union, and efforts by the mafia to infiltrate it. The historical insurgency in the United Mine Workers of America took place several years earlier, but the novel's version is a good proxy (though without the murder of Jock Yablonski).

Characters are fully dimensional and nuanced. Good guys are not all good, and bad guys not all bad. Sometimes they behave inexplicably, but so do some people I know. Actual events, such as the student riots at Columbia University, appear to be described accurately. There may be too much detail for some readers, such as coal mining technology or scenery description, but you can skip over these paragraphs, probably much as you did with Moby Dick. Stick with it. You will learn a lot and have a great read. Might even lend some insights on why West Virginia voted for Trump.

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A/ref=cm_cr_getr_d_gw_btm?ie=UTF8> Susan P. Cohen

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/customer-reviews/RIGoR3NX4NP6E/ref=cm_cr_getr_d_rvw_ttl?ie=UTF8&ASIN=1983720259> 5.0 out of 5 starsFIVE STARS!

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What a talented writer Curtis Seltzer is. I began this book with some reservations because of the subjects mentioned on the back cover. Those reservations quickly evaporated as I plowed through the first few chapters. It is obvious how much research Seltzer has done and what a terrific storyteller he is. I couldn't put it down. FIVE STARS!

Not in a million years did I ever think I'd enjoy a 752-page novel about coal mining, unions, the mafia, politics, and campus unrest in the 1960s. This book is very well researched and written with life and death situations for most of the characters; it kept me intrigued until the very end. Five solid stars. It joins my list of all time favorites including The Thornbirds and Prince of Tides. Already looking forward to the sequel.

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<https://www.amazon.com/gp/customer-reviews/R3W12SPGFKL2MR/ref=cm_cr_getr_d_rvw_ttl?ie=UTF8&ASIN=1983720259> 't Like Books Like This. But This One...

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Too male, too violent, too much an environment I don't care about... All proof that prejudice truly is the evil spawn of half-baked, top-down perceptual processing. I'm glad it did not hobble me this time.

From the first chapter, characters and a world I don't usually seek to know spoke to me. Drawn with spare accuracy, Seltzer makes people and setting tangible, pictorial. Like a good movie PICK is visual and immersive, lean but layered. It put me in a place and time with people I thought shouldn't care about, but I couldn't leave.

PICK got me and kept me in spite of my jaundiced eye that might have colored it. It taught me, and I'm glad I listened. This is really an excellent read.

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Q/ref=cm_cr_getr_d_gw_btm?ie=UTF8> Marjorie Fullerton**

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/customer-reviews/R11W8XDOZBZ89N/ref=cm_cr_getr_d_rvw_ttl?ie=UTF8&ASIN=1983720259> 5.0 out of 5 starsI highly recommend this work
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It's engrossing to read a book that has the depth and polish that I find in "The Point of the Pick". Plot, characters, setting, historical detail, and dialog are all richly developed -- no wonder it took over 700 pages and several decades to get it all down! I'm having an enjoyable time discovering

a new (for me) author. I highly recommend this work!

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**<https://www.amazon.com/gp/customer-reviews/R1JQ7PBULYL7XY/ref=cm_cr_getr_d_rvw_ttl?ie=UTF8&ASIN=1983720259> 5.0 out of 5 starsRead this book!
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I've known Corky since elementary school. He's a lot better at writing than he ever was at basketball or baseball. He tells many stories in the point of the pic they move quickly and are powerful. He gives the reader a big picture and the details that make it real. It's a good read from a writer who like Franco Harris, "don't fumble much." - David "Frizbee Dave" Bloom, Key West, FL.

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<https://www.amazon.com/gp/customer-reviews/R2VV24MIL5HUUS/ref=cm_cr_getr_d_rvw_ttl?ie=UTF8&ASIN=1983720259> 5.0 out of 5 starsThis is a great read!

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This novel fed me a slice of Pennsylvania and West Virginia coal mining history that intrigued me from the beginning. Mentioning areas and streets that were accurate accounts of my childhood was thrilling. His writing paints pictures of characters that urge me to continue. This is a great read!!!

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<https://www.amazon.com/gp/customer-reviews/RML63JAYVRLPQ/ref=cm_cr_getr_d_rvw_ttl?ie=UTF8&ASIN=1983720259> 5.0 out of 5 starsA nail-biting page turner with a keen and unusually detailed ...

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A nail-biting page turner with a keen and unusually detailed take on the politics and sociology of the century. I'd give more than 5 stars if I could.

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<https://www.amazon.com/gp/customer-reviews/R3QLO8DETG1G95/ref=cm_cr_getr_d_rvw_tt1?ie=UTF8&ASIN=1983720259> 5.0 out of 5 starsPick this one, folks.
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Insightful and riveting! And what a page-turner! Mr. Seltzer is not only a talented novelist, but a knowledgeable historian, weaving together cultures and unexpected relationships in thrilling fashion. Pick this one, folks.

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Intriguing plot!! Excellent depiction of characters and the coal field culture. I've read over 100 books in the last 12 months and would rank The Point of the Pick in the top ten.

Cliff Rexrode

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Although set in 1975, the message is is just as timely today. An excellent first novel by an author who obviously knows his way around the intricacies of coal mining, union politics and good old-fashioned human corruption.

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**the rhythm of dialogue, history, romance is highly compelling.Read this
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Great story! Both exciting and informative. Showing the hard live of coal miners, involvement of unions and mafia. Movie worthy?!

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<https://www.amazon.com/gp/customer-reviews/R2F938MX6H8J8R/ref=cm_cr_getr_d_rvw_ttl?ie=UTF8&ASIN=1983720259> 5.0 out of 5 starsI am a history buff and Point of The Pick ...
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I am a history buff and Point of The Pick really held my attention. It is well written and very readable. The story line was new and brought me in.