

**Chapter 1 : The Postman Always Rings Twice (Audiobook) by James M. Cain | theinnatdunvilla.com**

*The Postman Always Rings Twice is a crime novel by James M. Cain.. The novel was successful and notorious upon publication. It is regarded as one of the more important crime novels of the 20th century.*

The son of a prominent educator and an opera singer, he inherited a love of music from his mother, but his hopes of a career as a singer were thwarted when she told him that his voice was not good enough. The family moved to Chestertown, Maryland , in Cain, served as president. He began working as a journalist for the Baltimore American and then the Baltimore Sun. Career[ edit ] Upon returning to the United States, Cain continued working as a journalist, writing editorials for the New York World and a play, a short story, and satirical pieces for American Mercury. Two years later Double Indemnity was serialized in Liberty magazine. Serenade , about an American opera singer who loses his voice and, after spending part of his life south of the border, re-enters the United States illegally with a Mexican prostitute; Mildred Pierce , in which, as part of the subplot , the surviving daughter of a successful businesswoman trains as an opera singer; and Career in C Major , a short semi-comic novel about the unhappy husband of an aspiring opera singer, who unexpectedly discovers that he has a better voice than she does. In his novel The Moth , music is important in the life of the main character. Cain spent many years in Hollywood working on screenplays, but his name appears as a screenwriter in the credits of only two films: Stand Up and Fight and Gypsy Wildcat , for which he is one of three credited screenwriters. This idea was dubbed the "Cain plan" in the media. The plan was denounced as communist by some writers, who formed the American Writers Association to oppose it. Farrell was the foremost of these opponents. Farrell argued that the commercial Hollywood writers would control the market and keep out independents. Cain holds, the notion that the artist is a kind of idiot who thinks that he is a God, but who has only the defects and none of the virtues of a God. It is fear of reprisals from publishers, Cain said, that is the real cause of opposition from well-to-do writers. In , Cain married the film actress Aileen Pringle , but the marriage was a tempestuous union and dissolved in a bitter divorce two years later. Cain continued writing up to his death, at the age of He published many novels from the late s onward, but none achieved the financial and popular success of his earlier books. Bibliography[ edit ] I make no conscious effort to be tough, or hard-boiled , or grim, or any of the things I am usually called. I merely try to write as the character would write, and I never forget that the average man, from the fields, the streets, the bars, the offices, and even the gutters of his country, has acquired a vividness of speech that goes beyond anything I could invent, and that if I stick to this heritage, this logos of the American countryside, I shall attain a maximum of effectiveness with very little effort.

**Chapter 2 : The Postman Always Rings Twice Quotes by James M. Cain**

*James M Cain's The Postman Always Rings Twice is a fun, racy hard boiled crime noir classic. First published in and banned in many places for its provocative scenes, the novella is a fun read full of memorable scenes.*

This paper should be fully accessible whether one has seen the film or not, and offers an interesting look at Hollywood cinema during the height of the Production Code era. Like many early noir features, *The Postman* is based on a pulp novel; written by James M. By embracing the possibilities of adaptation as a means to find new and meaningful ways of expressing and expanding upon the barest narrative elements of its source material, rather than succumbing to mindless sanitization, the film offers a critical case study in understanding how film noir, working within the content limitations of the time, disassembles its literary antecedents and constructs itself anew as a unique and enigmatic cinematic tradition. Mayer bought the rights to the novel the very same year as its publication, in Leff and Simmons. *The Postman Always Rings Twice* is, as previously noted, a perfect case study for this creation of genre, for the book and the tough-guy tradition it helped create is built entirely upon these basic components, and the film, though lacking in most of the identifiable aesthetic traits of the noir picture, evolves those narrative characteristics into something thematically and cinematically unique. Tone is the most immediate and obvious difference, and the one that paves the way for the more substantive deviations the film makes as it goes along. And in so doing, psychological analysis does come to the forefront at times in the film; its characters, Cora in particular, are at once more enigmatic – their motivations less clear and their emotional states complex – and more knowable, because more time is taken to study and understand them. They, along with other deviations, can in part be explained by the strict Hollywood production code of the time – though as we shall eventually see, critically distilling the altered nature of the movie entirely to these then-common creative impositions does the film an immense disservice. The book was practically a checklist of everything the Production Code forbade. As summarized by Leonard Leff and Jerold Simmons: Mayer returned to the property he had long considered a lost cause to see if a Production Code-acceptable outline could be created. These changes were enough to make *The Postman* fit for production, and perhaps the most impressive thing about the film Garnett eventually created is that, though most of its alterations to the source material were necessitated by the needlessly puritan ideology of the Production Code, the film is ultimately just as thoughtful and provocative, if not more so in places, than the novel it is based on though critics who get hung up on the undeniably compromised ending would typically argue otherwise. It simply builds its drama in different ways, and operates on divergent thematic paths. Though unable to depict any physical contact more extreme than kissing and embracing, there is a strong, palpable atmosphere of sexual tension to their relationship, one that is created almost entirely through dialogue, performance, visual composition, and symbolical association. Frank is left alone by Nick to monitor a burger grilling in the tavern, when he hears a sound from the other end of the room. She is Cora, looking absolutely stunning in a sultry white outfit, and while she and Frank exchange only a few sparse words, the sexual energy between the two is more than palpable, and is personified by the literal sound of sizzling emanating from the forgotten burger. This burger – left badly burned when Frank hurriedly returns to it after Cora has left – stands throughout the scene as an obvious but effective symbol for lust, while the cinematography, which combines elements of chiaroscuro one of the only such moments in the film with soft focus when framing Cora, emphasizes both her beauty and the dangerous nature of the impending relationship. There are many more sexually explicit scenes in the novel, and more even in the remainder of the film, but none that so powerfully use the artistic medium at hand to suggest attraction, nor the peril that might come from acting on it. As mentioned before, the writing is quite often intoxicatingly snappy, filled in the first half with humorous banter that Turner and Garfield work wonders with. And in some of the most deftly controlled moments of writing, the dialogue and the specific, precisely calculated ways in which Turner and Garfield deliver it suggests urges of repressed sexual passion as powerfully as any of the actual sex scenes in the novel. My husband tells me your name is Frank. Your husband, Nick, told me I was through for the day, and I thought he was the boss around here. The best way to get my husband to fire you would be to not do what I

tell you to do. The first act is rife with exchanges such as these; the sexual overtones grow less veiled over time, but passion also takes on different contexts. No matter what, the dialogue, as written and performed, manages to effectively replace the overt sexuality of the novel with understated and pervasive chemistry. After months of distance and tension in their relationship – this episode comes after Frank has cheated on Cora with a woman he met at the train station – Frank finds release in beating on Kennedy – it is the most savage thing he does in the entire picture, the blows genuinely shocking in their persistence and weight – and Cora clearly feels empowered holding the man at gunpoint. That did not come to pass, of course, due in large part to another concession Garnett made to appease not only the Production Code Administration, but MGM itself: Had director Tay Garnett shot *The Postman* in the brooding style of film noir – strong on shadows and sparseness – he might well have put the wind back into the Breen sails. But the ambience of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer hardly encouraged Garnett to produce a cold and harsh *Postman*. Film noir thrived on pinched budgets and intellectual commitment, neither of which characterized MGM. When the picture entered principal photography in summer, he bathed the sets in light and diffused the fatality of the story. Leff and Simmons. Indeed, this is one of the largest points of critical contention in discussions of the film. Consider also the many thematic contrasts the lighting creates. She is, after all, an extremely mysterious figure underneath that surface layer of glamour, and letting that truth be represented by a dynamic visual contrast one that reflects what Frank sees in and feels about her rather than directly mirroring her dark side through grim lighting is, to this critic at least, preferable. Garnett was a pragmatic filmmaker, and that his film managed to appease the Production Code Administration, MGM, and its own thematic interests in relatively equal amounts should be celebrated, rather than maligned. The purpose of adaptation, after all, need not be the note-for-note replication of what the source material did well. *The Postman Always Rings Twice* strikes its own path out of necessity – there simply was no way, under then-current conditions, to make such replications – but it does so thoughtfully, as we have seen consistently throughout this section. The moment comes when the film is at its most nihilistic: The differences are stark, because even as the two works share the same narrative fundamentals, the changes made in the film adaptation – including many, like the marriage, dictated by the Production Code – result in a thematic arc that is, right up until the terrible cop-out of an ending, the ideological inverse of its source material. They threw me off the hay truck about noon. I had swung on the night before, down at the border, and as soon as I got up there under the canvas, I went to sleep. I needed plenty of that, after three weeks in Tia Juana, and I was still getting it when they pulled off to one side to let the engine cool. Then they saw a foot sticking out and threw me off. I tried some comical stuff, but all I got was a dead pan, so that gag was out. They gave me a cigarette, though, and I hiked down the road to find something to eat. For him, these are simply things that happened. They do not faze him, because his engagement in these events is minimal. He tries to make the others let him stay, but the language suggests only a modicum of effort was employed, and when he fails, he simply moves on. Well, so long mister. Thanks for the ride, the three cigarettes, and for not laughing at my theories on life. But you broke off right in the middle of a sentence. Why do you keep looking for new places, new people, new ideas? Well, I never liked any job I ever had. Not worried about your future? Oh, I got plenty of time for that. Besides, maybe my future starts right now. Thus, we may say that while the book opens from a profoundly nihilistic perspective, the film begins from a place of fervent idealism. Even as both introductions get Frank to the Twin Oaks and to Cora, they approach that destination from entirely different ideological paths. Unlike in the film, where Frank is prompted by Cora, a la Macbeth, to murder her husband, Frank suggests the idea in the novel upon seeing how miserable Cora is in her relationship and, we may assume, to remove his rival for her physical affections. In essence, Frank has gone from being an animal to being a human, capable of being driven by emotions, rather than urges. Is it a final disavowal of nihilism, one that reaffirms order and meaning, however tragic and random, by having Frank and Cora each get what they deserve? Or is it a reassertion of the initial nihilist themes, one that tells us the only way to experience our inner humanity is to sin, and that sin invariably leads to further tragedy? She believes she can commit this one transgression and then find happiness and Frank, because he truly loves her for reasons that extend beyond the sexual, thinks so as well, but once the deed is committed, and she is betrayed by Frank during the trial, and made the legal play-thing of the vain Sackett and

Keats, humanity is driven out of her. Her capacity to love goes with it, leaving a scorned Frank feeling just as bitter and pessimistic. This is the point at which the aforementioned marriage license episode takes place – both characters are now in a state at which they would view marriage as little more than a business consideration – and the ransom encounter with Kennedy can also be seen as another step on the road to dehumanization. For these characters, animalism has now supplanted humanity, and the scenes leading up to the violent climax – which, like in the book, see Frank and Cora struggling to attempt a fresh start – are profoundly complex and thought-provoking in how they depict these two characters fighting to rediscover the humanity they realize has been lost. It is likely that this fundamental alteration in arc is due, at least in part, to the requirements of the Production Code. Yet herein lies the fundamental hypocrisy of the Production Code: The fallout of this reversal in arc, from humanity to nihilism, means that along the way, every social or political institution the film touches – capitalism, law, marriage, love, etc. The world itself, it can be argued, is portrayed as fundamentally wicked. That, indeed, is the strength of the film – that from Production Code restrictions, it does not merely sanitize its content, but thoughtfully adjusts and meaningfully alters its messages, presenting a dramatic arc and worldview that is largely unique from its source material, yet no less valid or impactful. As if especially designed to appease [the] Production Code Administration Ending on a firm, glowing reaffirmation of humanity is not, simply put, the arc of this picture. Even tonally, the scene is a complete embarrassment. With its soft, heavenly lighting and sappy, overbearing violin music blaring in the background as Frank recounts what he has learned, the scene reminds the viewer not of the film they have been watching, but of a very different MGM production: *Father, you were right*. It all works out. I guess God knows more about these things than we do. Jason Holt, a proponent of neo-noir as a superior and more fully realized version of the genre, argues that in this way, *The Postman Always Rings Twice* is indicative of many early, compromised noir pictures. By contrast, the endings of classic noirs, an artifice of the Production Code and compliant creative intentions, almost always ring a little off, false, not only to life, but, much worse, to themselves. A most unfortunate illustration is *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, an otherwise fine noir that ends with Frank explaining, for the audience, that poetic justice has been received! Yet in the end, it is ultimately a matter of perspective. Do we damn the entire film for its horribly botched conclusion, as many critics cited here have done? Or do we view it as a minor miracle that, given contemporary Hollywood conditions, the film made it to that regrettable scene relatively unscathed? There are lessons to be learned here, and the majority of them are positive. For the times in which they lived, Garnett and company were handed an immensely challenging project, and rose to the occasion by thoughtfully, perceptively, and even provocatively adjusting their story to say something different, but no less meaningful, than the source material they were barred from staying completely faithful to. Early film noir was not constructed under ideal conditions, but if it had been, would the genre that was ultimately created now be considered so distinctive? Had circumstances been different, we may have seen a series of pictures more uniform in their ideological and visual design – and thus easier to define as a genre – but that would have come at the cost of an identity unique from literary antecedents. From *Berlin to Sin City*. London and New York: A History of Narrative Film. New York and London: Film Noir and the Cinema of Paranoia. Rutgers University Press, The University Press of Kentucky, *The Dame in the Kimono: Hollywood, Censorship, and the Production Code*. The Scarecrow Press, Inc. Mayer, Geoff, and Brian McDonnell.

Chapter 3 : The Postman Always Rings Twice: theinnatdunvilla.com: James M. Cain: Books

*First published in and banned in Boston for its explosive mixture of violence and eroticism, The Postman Always Rings Twice is a classic of the roman noir.*

Permalink This classic novel by James Cain is full of flawed people, violence, lurid sex, bad choices and doomed people. Despite its age, *The Postman Always Rings Twice* still holds up and is something that any fan of this edgier type of crime fiction should read. Their affair, full of lust and overtones of violence, leads Frank and Cora down a dangerous path. Cora, sick of her life and desperate for something better, convinces Frank that getting rid of her husband is the only route to freedom and a better life. Lust and greed lead to murder. Not the elegant murder of a hit, but the messy and inefficient work of a man with no talent for the task, but a determination to finish. Anxiety and fear lead to betrayal. However, that neat and just ending is not what Cain has in store. Some fancy legal manoeuvring keeps Cora out of jail and allows reconciliation with Frank. Neat endings are not the playground for the types of characters he creates. That is true for Frank and Cora as well. The ending provides a measure of both just and unjust retribution on the narrator of the story. It is the perfect cap to a tale of people following the most indecent of human desires. Albert Camus remarked that the themes and style of *Postman* were an influence on *The Stranger*. He was a champion of featuring the perpetrator of the crime, rather than law enforcement. The novel also spawned a few films, notably the adaptation that stands out as an early example of film noir, in both good ways and bad. The film captures the greed, lust and penchant for violence that fill the book, but there were changes that were more to do with the film industry, which Cain disliked, than the book. Cora for example, is more of a manipulator for its own purpose than in the book. Lost is the desperation that explains her actions without justifying them. It became a popular, but likely overused, story type. Cain explores some of these same themes in his later works, *Double Indemnity* and *Mildred Pierce*, but *The Postman Always Rings Twice* stands out as the seminal work for the genre.

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*The title of The Postman Always Rings Twice was a subject of debate and mystery at the time of the publication of the book. Nowhere in the text is there a reference to a postman. Nowhere in the text is there a reference to a postman.*

The story is by James M. Cain, whose *Double Indemnity* is another memorable film noir adapted for the screen. But, this movie belongs to Lana Turner from the moment we and Frank the drifter first see her to that fateful moment.. Frank says several times in the movie, "I just wanted to look at her.. I just wanted to see her.. It was horrible to be away from her.. That first time we meet Cora is simply one of the most erotic, powerful scenes ever filmed. There is a botched murder attempt which Nick recovers from. They succeed in killing Nick on their second attempt, but are soon caught. Cora and Nick are played against each other by the Prosecutor, and we soon see them for their true selves, as they turn on one another. This defense attorney has it all under control. He manages to razzle-dazzle the prosecution - and the court, and get both Frank and Cora off! Cronyn is so good here he nearly steals the movie! We know in a film noir universe that evil schemes never succeed. Even though they are free, things soon begin to unravel for them. Neither trusts the other. Things go from bad to worse, and ultimately both Frank and Cora pay for killing Nick. This movie is not perfect. There are some plot points that do not hold: It is tedious in spots, especially the middle. The botched first murder attempt is not essential, the legal wrangling takes too long, and the tension that builds between Frank and Cora after they are free takes too long to build. Frank has a dalliance with a waitress that either should have been cut or expanded. But, for all its faults it is quintessential film noir. We love the movie because in the end they get what they deserve: He died in at the age of 39, a victim of the House Unamerican Activities Committee. Garfield was a prominent target, whom the committee sought to discredit and destroy, in an attempt to gain credibility with the American people. How very sad that so many lives could be shattered with such implacable malice emanating from Congress itself. Let us pray it never happens again. Was this review helpful? Sign in to vote.

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Mavrogordato From the Reviews: Cain can get down to primary impulses of greed and sex in fewer words than any writer we know of. He has excoriated all the inhibitions; there is a minimum of reason, of complexity, of what we commonly call civilization, between an impulse and its gratification. Similarly the illustrative quotes chosen here are merely those the complete review subjectively believes represent the tenor and judgment of the review as a whole. We acknowledge and remind and warn you that they may, in fact, be entirely unrepresentative of the actual reviews by any other measure. The Postman always Rings Twice is a fast, sultry little novel. Nick owns Twin Oaks Tavern -- "nothing but a roadside sandwich joint, like a million others in California". Nick takes a liking to Frank, and he needs help and offers him a job. So Frank decides to stick around. And when I began to talk, up there on the screen, they knew me for what I was, and so did I. A cheap Des Moines trollop, that had as much chance in pictures as a monkey has. A monkey, anyway, can make you laugh. All I did was make you sick. Not surprisingly, she and Frank start fooling around -- and they even hatch a plot to get rid of Nick. Their plan fails, and Frank takes off -- only to return again. They are successful, but they also get arrested. For a while it looks pretty bad for them, but the clever lawyer Katz is called in, and manages -- through some ingenious twists and manipulations -- to get them free. Frank wants to hit the road with Cora, but she actually starts to enjoy the roadside diner business, and starts making good money at it too. Their relationship is an angry one, and is further complicated when their past comes back to haunt them, leaving Cora with an additional hold on him: Throw in a puma cub and a pregnancy and life veers further in and out of control. Still, things are looking up when disaster strikes. Frank means and does right, but it all goes wrong: The jury was out five minutes. The judge said he would give me exactly the same consideration he would show any other mad dog. And so it ends. The Postman always Rings Twice roars along menacingly. There are weaknesses to the book: The puma-woman is also an odd touch -- effective, in a way, but also uncomfortably far-fetched. But the book as a whole -- a bleary blur of menace with only faint glimmers of hope and happiness -- is more than its parts, and the faults fairly easy to overlook. Fast-paced, hard-edged, and wonderfully blunt The Postman always Rings Twice is a memorable, effective piece of very dark fiction.

**Chapter 6 : The Postman always Rings Twice - James M. Cain**

*The Postman Always Rings Twice was Cain's first novel and came to stand as his finest work of fiction. It is both classical Cain, with its hard-boiled, first-person narrative of a wrenching love.*

Cain was a master of hardboiled noir. Three of his novels are outstanding: I have been a fan since my twenties. Frank Chambers and Cora Papadakis are just two ordinary Greek-hating sociopaths who like to bite each other and kill. They make rough love in the orange groves and want to go to the beach and hate Greeks like I mentioned. Cain remedies that situation in this hot little pages of noir splendor. Hero Frank Chambers wants what he wants; he can literally smell it. He is writing some heavy Shakespearean stuff here, with Star! We race through sex scenes and court proceedings with cool precision, which makes *The Postman Always Rings Twice* saucy enough to work. Seriously, I want to give the loudest soccer mom cheer and whistle whenever I heard about James Cain and his legacy of books that leave other books crumpled up in a dumpster somewhere. For every book that moons and struggles through human emotions like jealousy, rage, lust, ambition, and greed, there is a James M. Cain novel that explores these issues pitch perfect without being a pussy. *The Postman Always Rings Twice* is a much more sparse affair than the nature-nurture mama drama in *Mildred Pierce*, but both books are as satisfying as a cold American beer and a burger. The romance of Southern California weakens me at the knees like a picture of Alan Rickman in a cape. Rah rah palm trees, movie stars, fast food, and spouse murder! Cain is a crime noir author with bonuses. He knows more about our own wickedness than we probably do, and *The Postman Always Rings Twice* should remind you all eerily about how much you wanted to be a starlet in Hollywood. Or maybe how handsome the new handy man looks in his tight little jumper. She requires that everyone read Shirley Jackson and at least a hundred other authors. She lives in southern California and brings a lot of people to tears, especially her cat and husband.

Chapter 7 : The Postman Always Rings Twice by James M. Cain | [theinnatdunvilla.com](http://theinnatdunvilla.com)

*Cain's famous first novel, The Postman Always Rings Twice, was published in when he was forty-two, and became an instant sensation. It was tried for obscenity in Boston and was said by Albert Camus to have inspired his own book, The Stranger.*

The one difference is that this hash house contains Cora, a svelte, beautiful, sensuous woman who had married her Greek husband to get out of an even worse life as a waitress in Los Angeles. She had won a beauty contest in the Midwest and taken a bus to California. Finding her prospects to be nonexistent, she married a man who at least had the advantage of owning property. The attraction between Cora and Frank is almost instantaneous, and before Frank is there a week, the two sleep together. Cora is the one who first proposes getting rid of her husband so she and Frank can run away. Frank plans to have Cora bludgeon her husband while he is in the bath. Immediately afterward, Frank is to climb a ladder into the bathroom and remove the body. From the beginning things go wrong. A passing motorcycle officer stops to chat with Frank and probably sees the ladder. Then, just when Cora hits her husband, all the lights in the restaurant go out, which is noticed by the officer as he leaves. Frank rushes in to find Cora standing in the bathroom and her husband splashing around in the water. Quickly, they patch him up and call an ambulance. They have no idea what happened to the lights. Eventually, Nick is taken to a hospital, where Frank, Cora, and several police officers watch him, no one sure what he will say. When he wakes up, he says something about slipping in the shower. The motorcycle officer is suspicious and accompanies Frank and Cora back to the restaurant to see what had happened to the fuse box. They find a dead cat there, obviously electrocuted. She is appalled by the prospect and turns to Frank again. She tries to tempt him by The entire section is words.

Chapter 8 : The Postman Always Rings Twice () - The Postman Always Rings Twice () - User Reviews - IM

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The title seems to have no relevance to the story. James M Cain suggested the term "postman" was not meant to be taken literally. Rather, the title refers to fate or justice eventually catching up with the perpetrator of a crime, even if they were not punished for the original offence. However, Cora is later accidentally killed in a car crash and Frank, the driver, is wrongly convicted of murder and sentenced to death. The "postman" whose ring was missed on the first occasion, has "rung" again, and everyone hears his second ring. In the film version Frank John Garfield has a lengthy and slightly clunky closing speech explaining the meaning of the title to his captors. David Hering, Liverpool Snooker tables are much bigger than pool tables, so are snooker players much more skilful than pool players? They were apples, oranges and melons "all fruit; all different. Longer pot shots and a more frequent use of snookering? Both pool and snooker require these skills, though with different emphasis. With the impact of the film *The Hustler*, Brunswick sensed a windfall and shortened their tables making play easier, brightened them pastel baize and put them in suburban bowling alleys. To properly enjoy pool you must have the city and the darkness and the outrageous wagers. To get the scope of the history of these games start with the website of the Chicago Billiard Museum and look at the first alphabetical group of "Chicago Companies". Tolbooth Bob, London N20 I keep hearing two opposing views on medieval and renaissance witch-trials in Europe: The current academic thinking is that numbers have indeed been exaggerated. Many men and women were put on trial, but the majority were acquitted. The approximate figures are that in England between and some 1, were sentenced to death by hanging about a third of them by Matthew Hopkins, the witchfinder general in Essex in the s. Scotland had slightly more, with about 1, deaths. This is a relatively modest figure compared to the Germanic states of the Holy Roman Empire, which burned some 50, people for witchcraft. Mysteriously, although Spain had the Inquisition in full effect, only people were executed for the crime and in France the figure is around 5, The idea of medieval witchcraft persecution is largely a myth. It was a secular criminal offence and the penalty was hanging. In Europe, however, witches were thought to fornicate with the Devil, hold black sabbaths, sacrifice babies etc. These were seen as heretical sins and consequently the punishment was burning To conclude, probably about , people lost their lives across Europe in the years or so the witch craze lasted, but equally many were charged and acquitted "the trial records survive in many places to show this. Freddybear Professor Pongoo in Edinburgh aside, has there ever been a non-human elected to public office in the UK? Simon Field, Stockton-on-Tees Any answers? I am now Should I continue to carry an organ donor card? If someone did want my organs, which would be the best bits left?

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Frank Chambers is a drifter, a man who, when life gets too heavy, catches the next boxcar out of town or puts his thumb out on the nearest highway. Being comfortable or achieving normalcy comes with too much responsibility. It all begins with a sandwich in a California diner on a road in the middle of nearly nowhere. The Greek offers Frank a job which even though he is broke still sounds like Until he meets Cora. She had been out back, in the kitchen, but she came in to gather up my dishes. Something sparks between them, something desperate, something twisted, something so bad it is good. The first time The Greek leaves them alone, Frank is all over her: I sunk my teeth into her lips so deep I could feel the blood spurt into my mouth. It was running down her neck when I carried her upstairs. Kisses with dreams in them. Kisses that come from life, not death. Frank would have never had the ambition for such a deed on his own. His idea is that they just take off, become gypsies, live off the land, but Cora wants to be free, and she also wants the diner. She is a femme fatale. She twisted and turned, slow, so they would slip out from under her. Then she closed her eyes and lay back on the pillow. Her hair was falling over her shoulders in snaky curls. She looked like the great grandmother of every whore in the world. She lets him do things to her that would have most any other woman screaming for help. It is hard to determine if Cora actually had any feelings for Frank or for The Greek. Certainly, The Greek and Frank liked each other more than Cora liked either of them. Was she playing the game she had to play to get the accomplice she needed? Was the perversion of their relationship something she needed as well? The Greek was too old for her, but Frank as it turns out was not who she needed either. The trial sequence is convoluted, crafty, and artful as their attorney builds this elaborate defense designed to defeat his frenemy, the prosecutor. He only cares about winning. Frank turns on Cora; Cora turns on Frank another form of foreplay? The ending of the novel certainly seems a commentary by James M. Cain that people do not escape their guilts nor their destinies. One of the more suggestive movie posters from There has been much puzzlement over the title because there is no postman involved in the story or anything that would readily suggest a reason for the title. Telegrams were expensive, and to receive one generally meant that something bad has happened. The title probably made more sense to people in than it does to us today. If we accept this explanation, then Cain is warning his audience that nothing good is coming. This is a terrific noir novel, a prime example of the genre. This book and this writer have certainly had an enduring impact on not only the hard boiled mystery novel, but also on literature and Hollywood. The book has been filmed seven times with most people agreeing that the version with John Garfield and Lana Turner was the best. The book was banned in Boston for being too sexually violent. There were several scenes that even by contemporary standards had me squirming due to the graphic nature, but I was also reading with a certain amount of awe at the audacity of an author trying to depict the very real, dark aspects of a deranged, desperate relationship. If you wish to see more of my most recent book and movie reviews, visit [http:](http://)