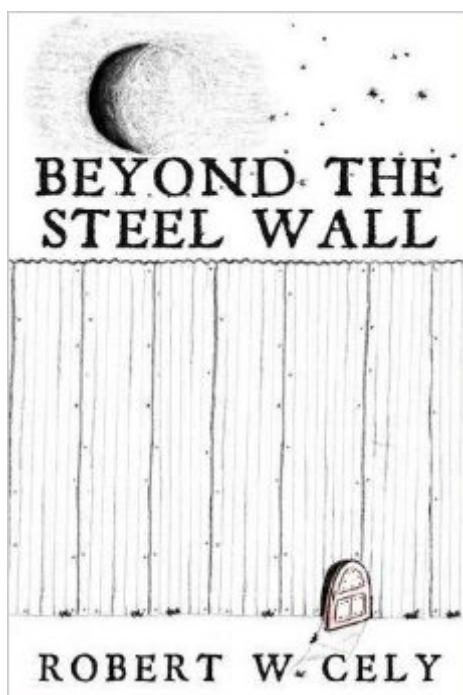


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Synopsis

Modern man has carved out for himself a place of safety and comfort in the world. It is a world great in pleasure and weak in danger. It is a world where pain and deprivation are the greatest evils of all, where men grow fat and lazy, weak in mind and soft in tooth. Surrounding this world fashioned in plenty and pleasure looms a steel wall, the boundary of which should not be crossed save for the bravest souls of men. For beyond this you leave behind your silkened sheets and perfumed pillows, your broad highways and brightly-lit boulevards. You leave behind the safety of your policemen, the conveniences of your machines, the familiarity of your manicured lawns, the pleasure of your plastic women, the oblivion of your beer and sport, all under the reassuring flash and ever-present flare of digital lights dancing in the midnight shadows. Beyond this wall waits peril and danger, pain, loss, suffering, and the mad temptations of a thousand wild devils. Beyond this wall churns an unpredictable world that runs deep with the blood of powerful and ancient things, magic spills out from the borders of the unseen and touches the frightened visage of our eyes. Beyond this wall looms death. Beyond this wall your destiny waits. Like everyone else in the city Alistair has all that he needs. There is plenty of food and fun, and everyone has a job, even if it's a boring job. Everything a man needs is there except for adventure. But where do you find adventure in a world where there is none? The only choice may be to go beyond the steel wall that surrounds the city, the wall which is strictly forbidden to cross. It is said that great danger lies beyond it. What better place to find adventure than there? Learn more at www.beyondthesteelwall.com

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Customer Reviews

I hate reviewing books like this. I have to make sure I have the definition of metaphor, allegory, and all that stuff right. Then I blow it in the review. Never fails. Mr. Celery manages to pull you out of the world you live in and thrust you into the one he's created rather seamlessly. If you're like a lot of readers, you toss down a book if you find a typo or two. Don't do that with this one. Yes, there are more typos and glitches in the first 30 pages than all the rest of the book combined. I don't know if that's just the press run I got, or if all of them suffer that flaw. But if you don't twitch, and instead enjoy the story, you're in for a great ride. Like journey tales? Like characters on a quest? Like trying to figure out the allusions? (See what I did there?) Beyond the Steel Wall has all of that stuff, as well as engaging characters. Moreover, it is evidently the first in a possible series. Now, that can be good or bad. Depends on how you like the first book. I liked this enough to buy the next one as well. Good storytelling, nice approach to the subject matter, and no "Jesus Hammer" anywhere in sight. An exception in the genre as it stands today. A great read if you're in the mood for a quick, thinking man's work. Or woman's. But I'm not a woman so I can only speculate. Go grab a copy.

Loved this book. Mr. Celery paints a picture of a world not unlike our own. People feel safe cocooned in what they know, fearing to step out into the unknown. But the pleasures of city become boring and a few adventurous souls feel the urge to push the boundaries. The steel wall and the door leading to the unknown consumes their thoughts and dreams. What lies behind the door is a great adventure and an excellent read.

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