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Review

"A paranoid tale that would make Philip K. Dick proud, told in a literary style that should seduce readers who don't typically enjoy science fiction." ?Kirkus Reviews

About the Author

PETER WATTS is the Hugo and Nebula nominated author of *Blindsight* and has been called "a hard science fiction writer through and through and one of the very best alive" by *The Globe and Mail* and whose work the *New York Times* called "seriously paranoid."

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