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Darkness lovers, weird-factor seekers, *Rant* by Chuck Palahniuk is for you! Written in an innovative style of oral biography, where many voices intertwine, *Rant* is a pleasurable novel for anyone interested in reading something a little outside of the mainstream.

Buster Casey, aka Rant, is a young boy from a small town. From the start Rant is portrayed as different from the rest of his peers, gifted with an unusual sense of smell. His life takes a strange turn when he decides to leave home in order to get away from his small-town life and, especially, his father. Faced with "party-crashers night-timers" whose enjoyment comes from crashing cars into each other, Rant discovers life in the underground, a whole subterranean universe the "day-timers", those who have jobs and lead uneventful lives, won't dare enter. And this is where it all starts... and ends. Faced with strange characters that seem to know more than they should, time in general, and death in particular, start taking on a whole new meaning as the story unfolds. After *Rant* the modern reader will never look at the world the same way again.

Mixing the fine line between fiction and science-fiction/fantasy, writer of the best seller *Fight Club*, Chuck Palahniuk does a marvelous job at gripping its reader from start to finish.

- Eloise Sureau-Hale is associate professor of French at Butler University.