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Val Burnett was the attractive daughter of a multi-millionaire. Her pleasantly organised life had been cruelly shattered when her husband, Chris, received severe brain injuries in a car crash. While convalescing in Florisa, Chris disappeared for twenty-four hours - leaving no message or trace of his whereabouts.

During the same night an attractive blonde was found brutally murdered in a second-rate motel - her body hideously mutilated. But while the police were searching for the murderer, an unscrupulous private investigator discovered evidence that Chris was the monster responsible for the killing.

Threatened with blackmail, but determined to prove her husband's innocence, Val set out to trace Chris's movements on the night of the murder and found herself on the trail of a maniac who didn't need a motive to kill again...

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Marianna Victoria says

Not the best book of James chase

Mark Vickers says

Well what another ripsnorter from the maestro thriller writer about the daughter of a multi-millionaire who's husband suffers severe brain injuries in a car accident, while they're away for some rehabilitation, a prostitute is found brutally murdered..... a real beauty for all JHC fanatics.....

Minh Trang says

Haizzzz, nhỉ?u ng??i ch?t quá, ??c r?t chi là ?au ??u :((

Tilak Raj Kaushik says

Not the usual James Hadley chase treat as it entirely lacks suspense. Everything is crystal clear which makes it boring. Only saving grace are dialog which are presented in usual James style like "you are the filthiest creature who ever crawled out of stinging piece of meat".

I would not recommend it, it's plain and boring.

Naveed Nawaz says

Not the classic James piece I was hoping for. Enough said I guess.

Josh says

Originally Published in 1964 (my edition, 1974), The Soft Centre could arguably be relevant among modern day popular mysteries, albeit with a slight slant towards the sleazier side of fiction. At its core, the premise is pure murder mystery; the mutilated body of a murdered prostitute is found in a hotel room during the same period of time in which Chris Burnett, a wealthy heir-apparent to a prosperous business, goes missing, only to be found without any memory of the past 24hrs.

Shady bookmakers, questionable intentions, a private eye on the take, and a prime suspect without his mind make for the perfect proverbial boiling pot of a pulp.

The Soft Centre switches gears along with its characters to enhance the story; there isn't one thread which dictates proceedings nor one character at the deadly soft centre. One of the few books I've had the pleasure of reading where the point of view is equally spread among victim, suspect, and ancillary players.

My rating: 5/5, I enjoyed this pulp from start to finish. I'll be sure to read more James Hadley Chase in the near future.

<http://justaguywholikes2read.blogspot...>

Athul Raj says

A typical (and good) Chase thriller. Gripping and exciting from start to finish. Never a dull moment.

Nags says

The ending was quite disappointing but not a bad read.
