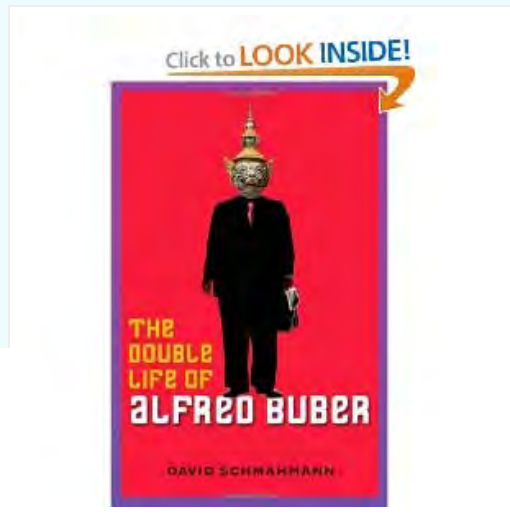


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### About the Book

*The Double Life of Alfred Buber* (releases in mid-June as a 198-page hardcover) is a compelling literary novel with overtones likened to that of Vladimir Nabokov's famed *Lolita*. It is a book that touches upon something dark and lonely within each of us – with the central character's passion for women matched only by his inability to relate to them. Funny, sad, lonely, and redemptive, it blurs the line between reality and fantasy as middle-aged Alfred Buber, a respectable New Englander, spins out his secret life.

### About the Author

David Schmahmann was born in Durban, South Africa. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Cornell Law School, and has studied in India and Israel and worked in Burma. His first novel, *Empire Settings*, received the John Gardner Book Award, and his publications include a short story in *The Yale Review* and articles on legal issues. Other books include *Nibble & Kuhn*, *Ivory from Paradise*, and [The Double Life of Alfred Buber](#). He practices law in Boston, and lives in Weston, Massachusetts.

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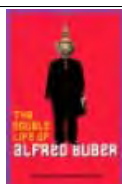
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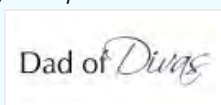
book is full of both satire and humor and as a fake memoir of a man who should not have a memoir (as he really has not lived) you are taken on a fun journey into the unknown.

The author does a great job at developing his characters, adding depth where you would not guess there should be. He also creates and paints a world that is vivid and is one in which you can see yourself.

One thing to keep in mind is that this book is not a comedy per se, but a book that looks at society where it is and where people can and do fit into society (or not). It is a book that will challenge your beliefs and make you think broader in terms of human nature in general.

The book was well written and a quick read, I highly recommend it to all!

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