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Experience, by Martin Amis
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Book Review by Julian Samuel

Martin Amis' 'Experience' bursts with terrific multi-layered writing and millions of half-page long footnotes which prove his passionate love and knowledge of English literature, but the book is as inane as a Tony Blair smile. Why not compose a book consisting entirely of footnotes? See what I mean about experimental dullness?

'Experience' is English navel gazing. After getting as far as page 175, I returned to 'White Teeth' and listened to the many tongues around Kilburn, Willesden, and Primrose Hill.

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