Thomas Pynchon's Fictional Otto Kugelblitz School in NYC

Description



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l'II be the first to admit l'm not a huge Thomas Pynchon fan. But, his latest book, *Bleeding Edge*, has captured my attention, thanks to my husband Barry, who is obsessed with this reclusive author. I read the first 35 pages and when he's finished, its all mine!

Bleeding Edge is set in NYC 2001. Reading the following description of an Upper Westside private school aloud, we laughed way too hard. It reminded us of a few L.A. private elementary schools we toured.

"The Otto Kugelblitz School occupies three adjoining brownstones between Amsterdam and Columbus†lthe school is named for an early psychoanalyst who was expelled from Frued's inner circle†l―

Pynchon goes on to write that the school was founded by some of the therapist's patients who cut him in on the profits.

"…Creation of acurriculum in which each grade level would be regarded as a different kind of mental condition and managed accordingly. A loony bin with homework, basically.―

"The principal, Bruce Winterslowâ€lin a white suit and panama hat, is working the crowd, all of whom he knows by name and thumbnail bio, patting shoulders, genially attentive, schmoozing or threatening as the need arises.― †"Bleeding Edge

I think Pynchon might have a kid at an NYC private school or he has some really good sources. Hmmm.

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