

How is your script of "Darkness", my first book in London which influenced me to such an extent that I put all my afterthoughts on a tape. How I sympathized with Rubashov ~~and~~ then and how I'm indifferent to him now! Have you read "We" by Eugene Zamiatin (written in 1920 and translated in English in the thirties)? It's another masterpiece and George Orwell took a lot from it.

My first novel is still under translation and retranslation in the US. I started printing these extracts from my second novel (hope to get it in a book form by the year's end) and I finished a humorous short novel on England!

My former experience in PR (including research of British politics) turned me into an absolute ebony castle man. Funny, but my pension now is \$100 a month (compare to \$30 half a year ago but one can buy much less as prices now are world ones. To lunch ^{for two} in a moderate ~~rest~~ (with wine) will cost \$100, 20 grams of Romy Martin cost \$320 in Metropol, our Teacher's is about \$25 now, though recently a bought one for \$15 and it proved to be a Polish fake and I nearly hanged myself next morning (maybe I'm getting old?). Quite recently, my son is doing well ^{in spite of his being banned on the screen since he} ~~the~~ said over TV that the 3-4