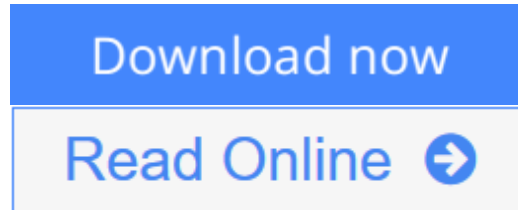




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Could we have an American Houellebecq? Jarett Kobek might come close, in the fervor of his assault on sacred cows of our own secretly-Victorian era, even if some of his implicit politics may be the exact reverse of the Frenchman's. I just got an early copy of his newest, *I Hate The Internet* and devoured it - he's as riotous as Houellebecq, and you don't need a translator, only fireproof gloves for turning the pages. --

Jonathan Lethem, *The Scofield*

This is a relentless, cruel, hilariously inflamed satire of a loop of economic mystification and the reemergence of the credibility of the notion of Original Sin in the technological utopia of the present-day Bay Area and the world being remade in its image. -**Greil Marcus**, *Pitchfork*

I Hate the Internet may have answered one very important question for me: why I often feel so sick after I've logged in. -**Fiona Helmsley**, *Vol 1 Brooklyn*

"Like a mad priest presiding over the death of our disposable culture, Kobek has delivered a fitting eulogy for the digital age." --**Zyzyva**

A grainy political and cultural rant, a sustained shriek about power and morality in a new global era. It's a glimpse at a lively mind at full boil... [An] entertaining novel of ideas... This book has soul as well as nerve. It suggests that, as the author writes, 'the whole world was on a script of loss and people only received their pages moments before they read their lines.' -- *Dwight Garner*, **The New York Times**

"A riproaring, form-follows-function burlesque of the digital age that click-meanders its way like the ADHD freaks we're all becoming, while offering up compelling narrative lines that kept me clicking faster and faster. Read this book. Now." -- *Dodie Bellamy*, *The Letters of Mina Harker*

"Kobek's writing continues to impress." -- *Chris Kraus*, *I Love Dick*

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