

# RANT: The Oral Biography of Buster Casey is the provocative and mind-bending new novel from Chuck Palahniuk, the literary provocateur responsible for such books as the generation-defining classic *Fight Club*.

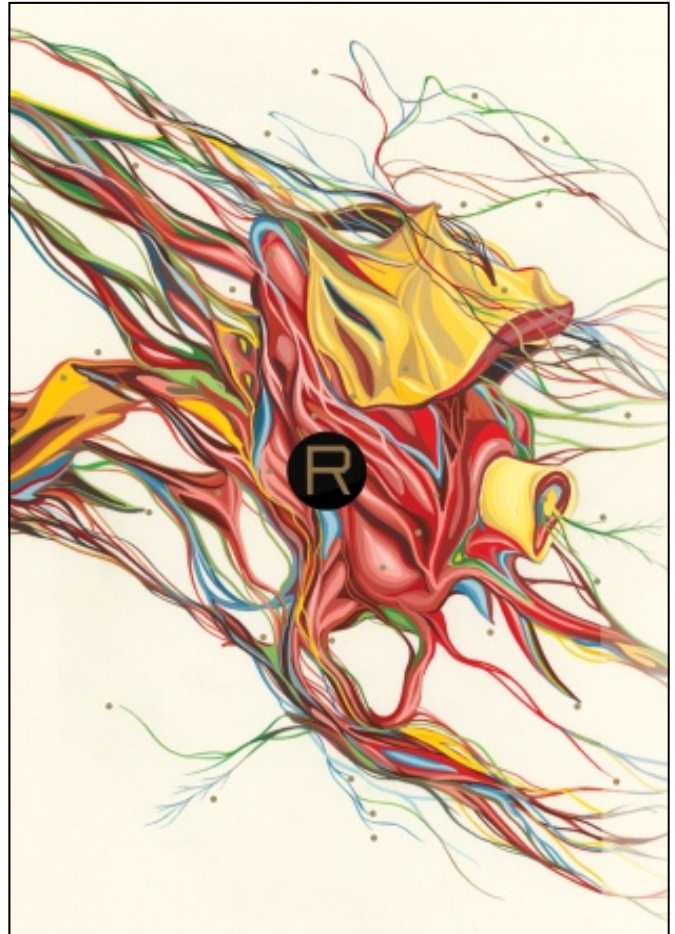
**Rant** takes the form of a fictional oral history of Buster "Rant" Casey, in which an assortment of friends, enemies, admirers, detractors, and relations have their say about this evil character, who may or may not be the most efficient serial killer of our time.

A high school rebel who always wins (and a childhood murderer?), Rant Casey escapes from his small hometown of Middleton for the big city. He becomes the leader of an urban demolition derby called Party Crashing. On appointed nights participants recognize one another by such designated car markings as "Just Married" toothpaste graffiti and then stalk and crash into each other. Rant Casey will die a spectacular highway death, after which his friends gather testimony needed to build an oral history of his short, violent life. Their collected anecdotes explore the possibility that his saliva caused a silent urban plague of rabies and that he found a way to escape the prison house of linear time....

Expect hilarity and horror, and blazing insight into the desperate and surreal contemporary human condition as only Chuck Palahniuk can deliver it. He's the postmillennial Jonathan Swift, the visionary to watch to learn what's—uh-oh—coming next.

"What elevates Palahniuk's best novels (e.g., *Fight Club*) above their shocking premises is his ability to find humanity in deeply grotesque characters."

—*Publishers Weekly*



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