

The Telephone Book

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Hi everyone. I recently read in a book. A very special book. A book of often neglected **importance**. Right after I read the name of the first chapter - “**Emergency**”, I felt it is time for another book report.

The author of this book is a **big secret**. Not even a **pseudonym** is used, the book is published anonymously. The reasons for this, I don't understand – considering the **popularity** of this book, the author would be a **very famous person**. And since his writings are of a **very objective, hardly controversial** kind, I see no reason for his hiding.

But the author leaves a **very visible mark**. The work is **dedicated** to a person called “**Bob-lingen**”. The relationship to this person must be very important to the author, since the dedication is right on the **front cover page** of the book.

Now to the book. The author uses a few **stylistic devices** very intensely. There is the excessive use of **figurative speech** throughout the book. I quote a random page: 7-23-52. There are **several figures per line** – haven't seen a book so figurative before. And there is the strong use of **alliterations**. I quote the beginning of a few consecutive paragraphs: **Raabe – Raaf – Raaz**, or, from a different episode of the book, **Holz – Holzäpfel – Holzapfel – HolzArt**.

As if to emphasize the greatness of this literature, the author chose **two methods** that we only find in really important books:

What books do you know that have **several maps in the end**? Of course – **Lord of the Ring**. Just like this masterpiece of fantasy by J.R.R. Tolkien, the plot of the book I am talking about takes place in a large amount of different places – from **Holderstraße 11** to **Pfarrgasse 40**. To find your way through this, you need a map.

And what other book has very **thin pages** and re-starts the **page numbering** like this one? You guessed it – the bible. Like the bible, this book is **full of different people** whose lives don't cross, but they all belong to some something bigger – the **Landkreis Böblingen**.

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After the Emergency I talked about in the beginning, the plot takes on a steady pace until the final, all solving end (Quote: “**Ziegelhütte (Perouse) 2 – EF2**”). But all the twists and turns in between I will not tell you now, to **not destroy your excitement** when reading the book.

There is a **audio-book version** of this book. To hear a preview of that, call **11-88-33**.

So, whenever you are **bored** or feel **lonely**, I recommend this book to you, I am sure you will find **relieve** in it. Thank you.

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