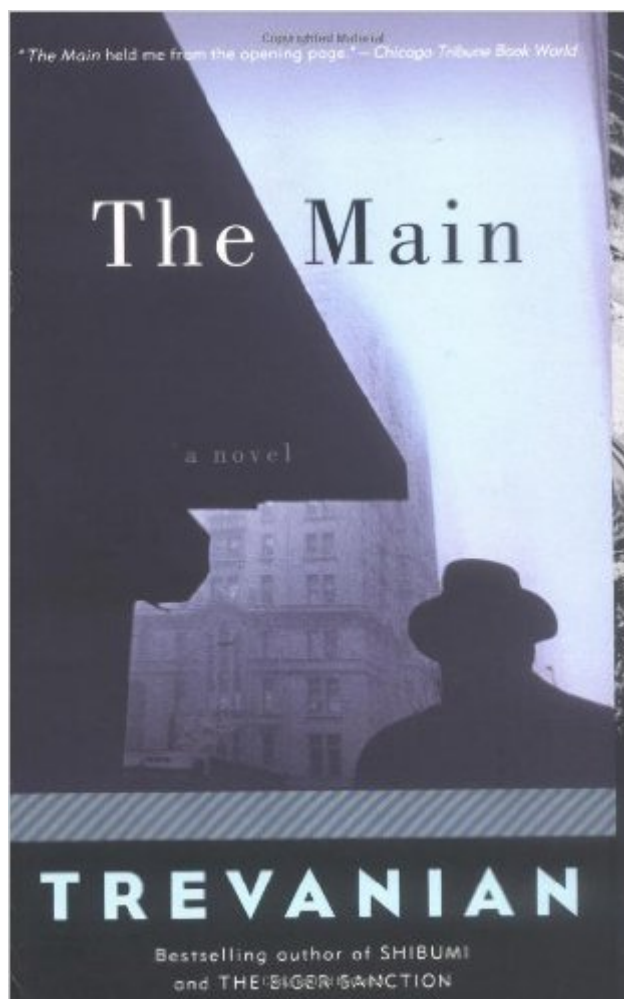


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## Synopsis

The Main is Montreal's teeming underworld, where the dark streets echo with cries in a dozen languages, with the quick footsteps of thieves and the whispers of prostitutes. It is a world where violence and brutality are a way of life. To the people of the Main, police lieutenant Claude LaPointe is judge and jury, father confessor and avenging angel. Montreal's police force has changed over time, but LaPointe has not. His commitment to justice is total, as is his devotion to the Main and its underworld community. But when a cold-blooded murderer invades LaPointe's territory, he is forced to examine his long-held beliefs and secrets and to confront his own loneliness and mortality. With a cast of unforgettable supporting characters and an unusual and remarkable hero, The Main is another gripping tale of death and danger, of action and mystery, by the incomparable Trevanian. Look for these other Trevanian classics from Three Rivers Press: The Eiger Sanction, The Loo Sanction, Shibumi, and The Summer of Katya.

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Trevanian is the pen name of a professor of linguistics and communication science called Rodney Whitaker (RW; 1931-2005). His true identity was disclosed first when he allowed himself to be interviewed on the occasion of the publication of "Shibumi", his fourth or fifth book that sold > 1 million copies. His academic background and an extraordinary gift and ear for language endowed him with a singular talent: writing fresh books in exactly the style of famous authors, dead or alive. Readers who love his parodies of Ian Fleming's James Bond in his first 2 bestsellers, or of the once popular Ninja novels, as in "Shibumi", and of Marcel Proust in "The Summer of Katya" should

consult Wikipedia: RW has published many more books in many more genres under many other names. This reader's favorite of his amazing and partly-bestselling oeuvre as Trevanian is "The Main". Claude La Pointe is a 30-year veteran of Montreal's police force. His precinct's streets, esp. the Main, are full of recent immigrants. He patrols his area closely and is known, trusted, respected. He also sadly lost his wife at a young age. Since then, when retiring from a day's work, he consoles himself with the collected works of Emile Zola. Upon finishing the last volume of the long row of books, he starts with the first again. Are they in French or English? We will never know. For La Pointe there is only the present, no time for past or future. Emile Zola wrote his novels in the present tense. So does Trevanian in "The Main". Apart from the slow, methodical search for the perpetrator of a murder, little action takes place. This reader first read "The Main" shortly after its initial publication. It has left several indelible images: La Pointe's reading, re-reading Zola over and over again is one.

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