BOOKS I'VE READ: THE FUNNIEST BOOK OF THE YEAR

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Just take my word for it;Â The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and DisappearedÂ is wonderful. Jonas Jonasson has rewritten the Good Soldier Schweik, made it funnier more surreal and (mercifully) shorter.

The hero of the book has had a full life and was present at most of the major events of the second half of the twentieth century; the Spanish Civil War, the invention of the atom bomb (twice), the Paris riots... You name it, Allan was there. He also comes up with the most ingenious method for killing a gangster that has everÂ occurredÂ in literature. Nothing I say about this book will do it justice, I laughed and laughed as I read it. I've not enjoyed a comic novel so much since I first read Wodehouse thirty something years ago.

I realise that humour is subjective and that not everyone will enjoy this book as much as I did, but then again it only costs 20p for your Kindle. What can go wrong?