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# BOOK REVIEW

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**TITLE:** To Late The Phalarope

**AUTHOR:** Alan Paton

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**PRICE:** (Cloth) \$3.50 (Paper)

**CLASSIFICATION:** Novel

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## BRIEF DIGEST OF CONTENTS:

This is a story of a struggle within a man's soul. He finds his life caught between the good that he would do and the sin and evil in which he found himself entangled. Pieter van Vlaanderen is a police lieutenant. His concern and sympathy for individuals leads to an interest in a black girl named Stephanie. In the course of helping her, Pieter succumbs to an age old temptation. The enmity of a fellow police officer transforms a later and innocent incident into a noose which destroys Pieter's career, his family's happiness, and the community's respect for him.

## CRITIQUE AND APPRAISAL:

This novel is almost Tolstoyean in its relentless movement toward tragedy. It sets in the sharp focus the difficulties which obtain for both races in a mixed community that is hedged by sharp racial laws. It accurately comments on the battle within the soul of man. It sets forth, with Biblical frankness and compassion, the terrific effects of sin. Most important of all it cries out for the mercy of God reflected in the mercy of man toward those who have fallen. A magnificent piece of work.

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**REVIEWER** Wilson C. Egbert

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