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I thought I might send a casual email to Tim C saying what a useful conversation I had with Lennie Fischer about KB, and by the way the book is being reviewed and selling well, see below

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THE THIRD MAN: Life at the Heart of New Labour by Peter Mandelson £25 ISBN 978 0 00 739528 6

After the maelstrom of media coverage and a week on the road attracting mega audiences at sell-out events in **London, Manchester, Leeds** and **Newcastle** Peter Mandelson continued to attract attention and stir up controversy over the weekend as his book dominated the books pages with a conspicuous spread of mostly excellent major, lead reviews: **Sunday Telegraph** "a very good book....fluently written and substantial, this is a serious book by a serious man"; **Financial Times** "He has written a good book...informative, clear and containing refreshing doses of self-knowledge, occasional regret and thoughtfulness"; **The Guardian** "the mixture of self-justification and self-flagellation is far more compelling than the Blair denunciations of Brownused to sell the serialisation"; **Daily Telegraph** "there are some very enjoyable things in the book"; **The Independent** "a compelling account of the New Labour years, far more revealing and subtle than the fuss over the serialisation suggests. Nearly every page is illuminating...the book should be read by anyone remotely interested in politics, psychiatry and theatre....the book conveys Mandelson's authentic voice...a work... of enduring significance"; **The Times** "Mandelson has added heavily to the sum total of political knowledge....THE THIRD MAN is well-written, pacier in parts than others, particularly those where the author deals with the psychodrama of which he was an integral part....a significant contribution to our understanding of the Labour years"; **The Scotsman** "an utterly absorbing read, a rich and satisfying page-turner....this is a vital book, and a pleasure to read. It gives both a rich understanding of a political life well led, and a deeper understanding of the passionate, generous, amusing man that Peter Mandelson is"; **The Spectator** "a revealing and important book by a more winning individual than I had expected to encounter"; **Daily Express** "For students of the period it's...invaluable".

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