#### Mark Z. Danielewski's

# **House of Leaves**

### a reading group

Certain choices will have to be made whilst reading **House of Leaves**, most particularly concerning the attention you pay to the various footnotes and appendices. No recommendations can be made, and so each week it is likely that different individuals will have read what seem to be differing texts. Furthermore, long tracts of the book are, for obvious reasons, more easily negotiable than others – hence the apparent disparity in the weekly page-count. The week-by-week guide below is just that – a guide – and no doubt some readers will want to refer to the appendices at every opportunity, whilst others will prefer to leave them until week 9.

Remember the words of the Old Man of the Mountain, Hassan-i Sabbah: "Nothing is true. Everything is permissible."

The first meeting will be in the King's Arms at 5pm., Friday of 1st week, when a regular meeting time will be arranged.

### Week

| 1 | Introduction to House of Leaves   |
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| 2 | pp. i – xxiii; 1 – 40 (Introduction; Ch. I – IV)  |
| 3 | pp. 41 – 96 (Ch. V – VII) [also, and <i>only if you wish</i> , Appendix II E (pp. 586 – 644)] |
| 4 | pp. 97 – 152 (Ch. VIII – IX)  |
| 5 | pp. 153 – 274 (Ch. X – XI)  |
| 6 | pp. 275 – 352 (Ch. XII – XIV)   |
| 7 | pp. 353 – 422 (Ch. XV – XIX)  |
| 8 | pp. 423 – 528 (Ch. XX – XXIII)  |
| 9 | pp. 529 – 709 (Exhibits and Appendices)   |

## Page totals per week

| 2 | 63  |
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| 3 | 56  |
| 4 | 55  |
| 5 | 131 |
| 6 | 77  |
| 7 | 79  |
| 8 | 105 |
| 9 | 180 |

For further details, or if you are unable to attend the first meeting, contact Dan O'Hara at Christ Church, by messenger post or e-mail.