

96 and Not Dead Yet: Second Time Around

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Some months ago I wrote about seeing a bald old man in a convertible with his passenger's luscious red hair blowing in the wind and how it aroused an intense sense of injustice in me but that, when I got a second look, it turned out to be a young man in a skull cap with a golden retriever.

I went through a similar experience watching *The Postman Always Rings Twice* on Turner Classic Movies recently, a movie that, when I saw it as a young blood, was an almost unbearable story of two passionate lovers so thwarted by her irritating old husband that they planned to murder him. I wracked my brain to think of ways to help them.

Seeing it again, decades later, it seemed such a tasteless tale that even Lana Turner in designer shorts couldn't rescue it. By contrast, I realized what an interesting and amusing man the husband was.

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