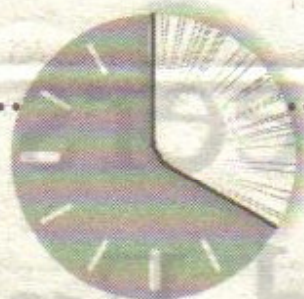


## 44 Books

### The twenty minute book review

*Connexion* journalists leaf through books sent to our office. In the interests of fairness, time and first impressions, each book gets 20 minutes.



#### The Well

Mike Briley, 389 pages, £8.75

PETER Bennett has just been made redundant and before embarking upon his new career he takes a time out, planning to visit friends in the south west of France.

The action begins instantly as nothing on his trip goes to plan, weaving a web of intrigue and suspicion.

The problems begin when his friend does not meet him at the airport, instead leaving him with his car and directions to get to his house. However after following the road to the house, he stumbles across an unlikely couple who claim that the house he is looking for is but a pile of ruins, and that a few years beforehand a girl died in mysterious circumstances there.

Research into the land leads Peter to make some surprising discoveries about his holiday destination.

The writing is fast paced and interesting, creating a story that you want to read in one sitting so that you can work out the bizarre characters and the mysteries of the area.

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