

Romain Gary

Unlock the more straightforward side of Promise at Dawn with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of Promise at Dawn by Romain Gary, an autobiographical tale about the author's childhood, experience in the Second World War and, most importantly, his mother. The writer's mother was divorced and had to raise her son by herself. However, she overcame the countless obstacles which stood in her way to give her child the brightest future possible. Promise at Dawn was published in 1960 and, although it contains many autobiographical elements, is not an autobiography in the true sense of the word, but more of a tribute to the person in Gary's life who inspired him the most. Indeed, Romain Gary idolised his mother, from his childhood in Russia, Poland and France to the day she died, and even beyond the grave. Gary was a diplomat, novelist, film director and aviator, and is the only author to be awarded the Prix Goncourt under two different names. He committed suicide in Paris in 1980. Find out everything you need to know about Promise at Dawn in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you: • A complete plot summary • Character studies • Key themes and symbols • Questions for further reflection Why choose BrightSummaries.com? Available in print and digital format, our publications are designed to accompany you on your reading journey. The clear and concise style makes for easy understanding, providing the perfect opportunity to improve your literary knowledge in no time. See the very best of literature in a whole new light with BrightSummaries.com!

La première grande biographie de Romain Gary éclaire les mille facettes d'un personnage énigmatique qui fut l'auteur d'une des plus belles mystifications littéraires de tous les temps : Émile Ajar. L'enfant juif, pauvre, né à Moscou en 1914 ; l'adolescent ambitieux qui se fait connaître de Kessel et de Malraux ; le soldat de De Gaulle, aviateur dans les Forces Françaises libres ; le diplomate qui sillonne l'Europe avant de conquérir l'Amérique ; le Consul Général de France à Los Angeles ; le mari de l'actrice Jean Seberg ; enfin l'écrivain couronné, deux fois prix Goncourt, qui demeure pourtant obsédé par la recherche lancinante d'un dépassement de soi-même. C'est à travers ces tableaux successifs et contrastés de l'homme que Dominique Bona – au terme d'une enquête de quatre années – a cherché la vérité de Romain Gary. Dans le récit tumultueux d'une vie largement ouverte sur le monde se précise le portrait d'un homme libre, écrivain dont l'œuvre romanesque puissante et tourmentée mérite de figurer parmi les grands monuments du siècle. Elle courut vers le coffre-fort, tourna la clef dans la serrure et tira la lourde porte bordée de cuivre... Elle regarda à l'intérieur, poussa un soupir de soulagement : il y avait juste assez de place, juste assez... - Cache-toi là, vite ! Je vais les éloigner... Mais dépêche-toi donc, voyons ! Il obéit sans se presser, sans doute par souci du style, tenant toujours la rose

dans une main et le pistolet dans l'autre. Elle saisit la sacoche avec les bijoux et la jeta à ses pieds... Elle lui fit un petit signe de la main, referma doucement la porte et tourna trois fois la clef dans la serrure.

What's in a name? In our "look at me" era, everyone's a brand. Privacy now seems a quaint relic, and self-effacement is a thing of the past. Yet, as *Nom de Plume* reminds us, this was not always the case. Exploring the fascinating stories of more than a dozen authorial impostors across several centuries and cultures, Carmela Ciuraru plumbs the creative process and the darker, often crippling aspects of fame. Biographies have chronicled the lives of pseudonymous authors such as Mark Twain, Isak Dinesen, and George Eliot, but never before have the stories behind many noms de plume been collected into a single volume. These are narratives of secrecy, obsession, modesty, scandal, defiance, and shame: Only through the protective guise of Lewis Carroll could a shy, half-deaf Victorian mathematician at Oxford feel free to let his imagination run wild. The "three weird sisters" (as they were called by the poet Ted Hughes) from Yorkshire—the Brontës—produced instant bestsellers that transformed them into literary icons, yet they wrote under the cloak of male authorship. Bored by her aristocratic milieu, a cigar-smoking, cross-dressing baroness rejected the rules of propriety by having sexual liaisons with men and women alike, publishing novels and plays under the name George Sand. Grounded by research yet highly accessible and engaging, these provocative, astonishing stories reveal the complex motives of writers who harbored secret identities—sometimes playfully, sometimes with terrible anguish and tragic consequences. A wide-ranging examination of pseudonyms both familiar and obscure, *Nom de Plume* is part detective story, part exposé, part literary history, and an absorbing psychological meditation on identity and creativity.

All'inizio degli anni '70, dopo una brillante e prolifica carriera, Romain Gary ormai è considerato un romanziere finito. Si parla di lui solo per segnalare che un suo cugino alla lontana, Emile Ajar, ha scritto un romanzo innovativo e sconvolgente, *La vita davanti a sé*, che vince il Goncourt nel '75. Ma Gary e Ajar sono, in realtà, la medesima persona. Pseudo è il racconto di questa incredibile trasformazione. O incarnazione. Romain Gary è così stato, grazie a una volontà di mistificazione ambigua (Gary e Ajar significano rispettivamente "brucia!" e "la brace" in russo), l'unico scrittore a ottenere due volte il Premio Goncourt, la prima volta con il suo pseudonimo usuale, per *Le radici del cielo* nel 1956, e la seconda volta con lo pseudonimo di Émile Ajar, per *La vita davanti a sé* nel 1975.

Unlock the more straightforward side of *The Life Before Us* with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of *The Life Before Us* by Romain Gary, an insightful story that discusses one of the pressing issues in society. It tells the story of Momo, a young boy with an active imagination, and his relationship with Madame Rosa, the Auschwitz survivor and ex-prostitute who takes care of him. Gary published the novel anonymous, sparking a worldwide mystery regarding the true identity of the author of this popular work. It was not until Gary's death

that he was revealed as the writer, earning him instant recognition. This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you: • A complete plot summary • Character studies • Key themes and symbols • Questions for further reflection Why choose BrightSummaries.com? Available in print and digital format, our publications are designed to accompany you in your reading journey. The clear and concise style makes for easy understanding, providing the perfect opportunity to improve your literary knowledge in no time. See the very best of literature in a whole new light with BrightSummaries.com!

Airman, war hero, immigrant, law student, diplomat, novelist and celebrity spouse, Romain Gary had several lives thrust upon him by the history of the twentieth century, but he also aspired to lead many more. He wrote more than two dozen books and a score of short stories under several different names in two languages, English and French, neither of which was his mother tongue. Gary had a gift for narrative that endeared him to ordinary readers, but won him little respect among critics far more intellectual than he could ever be. His varied and entertaining writing career tells a different story about the making of modern literary culture from the one we are accustomed to hearing. Born Roman Kacew in Vilna (now Lithuania) in 1914 and raised by only his mother after his father left them, Gary rose to become French Consul General in Los Angeles and the only man ever to win the Goncourt Prize twice. This biography follows the many threads that lead from Gary's wartime adventures and early literary career to his years in Hollywood and his marriage to the actress Jean Seberg. It illuminates his works in all their incarnations, and culminates in the tale of his most brilliant deception: the fabrication of a complex identity for his most successful nom de plume, Émile Ajar. In his new portrait of Gary, David Bellos brings biographical research together with literary and cultural analysis to make sense of the many lives of Romain Gary - a hero fit for our times, as well as his own.

Fifty-nine-year-old Jacques Rainier, international tycoon and former Resistance leader, finds himself in love with a beautiful young Brazilian woman at a time when his virility is waning and the European economic recession threatens his financial empire

Among the Jewish writers who emigrated from Eastern Europe to France in the 1910s and 1920s, a number chose to switch from writing in their languages of origin to writing primarily in French, a language that represented both a literary center and the promises of French universalism. But under the Nazi occupation of France from 1940 to 1944, these Jewish émigré writers—among them Irène Némirovsky, Benjamin Fondane, Romain Gary, Jean Malaquais, and Elsa Triolet—continued to write in their adopted language, even as the Vichy regime and Nazi occupiers denied their French identity through xenophobic and antisemitic laws. In this book, Julia Elsky argues that these writers reexamined both their Jewishness and their place as authors in France through the language in which they wrote. The group of authors Elsky

considers depicted key moments in the war from their perspective as Jewish émigrés, including the June 1940 civilian flight from Paris, life in the occupied and southern zones, the roundups and internment camps, and the Resistance in France and in London. Writing in French, they expressed multiple cultural, religious, and linguistic identities, challenging the boundaries between center and periphery, between French and foreign, even when their sense of belonging was being violently denied.

"In this strange and fascinating novel, each character is perhaps the fruit of the delirium of the others. But who dreams who? There is Jean Danthès, French ambassador to Rome, inconsolable of the disappearance and debasement of Europe, the true one, that of the 18th century, which was called the Europe of Enlightenment. There is Malwina von Leyden, class adventurer and magician..."--Goodreads

" Il mesurait un mètre quatre-vingt-huit, était blond, et on lui avait souvent dit qu'il ressemblait à un très jeune Gary Cooper. C'était le seul gars qui lui faisait quelque chose. Il avait même une photo de lui, qu'il regardait souvent. Les gars chez Bug Moran rigolaient, ils trouvaient ça marrant. " Qu'est-ce que ça peut te foutre, Gary Cooper ? " Lenny ne répondait pas et rangeait soigneusement la photo. " Tu veux que je te dise, Lenny ? C'est fini, Gary Cooper. Fini pour toujours. Fini, l'Américain tranquille, sûr de lui et de son droit, qui est contre les méchants, toujours pour la bonne cause, et qui fait triompher la justice et gagne toujours à la fin. Adieu l'Amérique des certitudes. (...) Ciao, Gary Cooper. " Les gars se tassaient. Lenny leur tournait le dos, faisait mine de fouiller dans son sac. "

Both a political history and a moral critique of the twentieth century, this is a personal and impassioned book from one of Europe's most outstanding intellectuals. Identifying totalitarianism as the major innovation of the twentieth century, Tzvetan Todorov examines the struggle between this system and democracy and its effects on human life and consciousness. Totalitarianism managed to impose itself because, more than any other political system, it played on people's need for the absolute: it fed their hope to endow life with meaning by taking part in the construction of a paradise on earth. As a result, millions of people lost their lives in the name of a higher good. While democracy eventually won the struggle against totalitarianism in much of the world, democracy itself is not immune to the pitfall of do-goodery: moral correctness at home and atomic or "humanitarian" bombs abroad. Todorov explores the history of the past century not only by analyzing its spectacular political conflicts but also by offering moving profiles of several individuals who, at great personal cost, resisted the strictures of the communist and Nazi regimes. Some--Margarete Buber-Neumann, David Rousset, Primo Levi, and Germaine Tillion--were deported to concentration camps. Others--Vasily Grossman and Romain Gary--fought courageously in World War II. All became exemplary witnesses who described with great lucidity and humanity what they had endured. This book preserves the memory of the past as we move into the twenty-first

century--arguing eloquently that we must place the past at the service of a just future.

Provides a listing available of books, articles, and book reviews concerned with French literature since 1885. This work is a reference source in the study of modern French literature and culture. The bibliography is divided into three major divisions: general studies, author subjects (arranged alphabetically), and cinema.

Romain Gary's bittersweet final masterpiece is "epic and empathetic" (BBC) and "one of his best" (The New York Times) *The Kites* begins with a young boy, Ludo, coming of age on a small farm in Normandy under the care of his eccentric kite-making Uncle Ambrose. Ludo's life changes the day he meets Lila, a girl from the aristocratic Polish family that owns the estate next door. In a single glance, Ludo falls in love forever; Lila, on the other hand, disappears back into the woods. And so begins Ludo's adventure of longing, passion, and love for the elusive Lila, who begins to reciprocate his feelings just as Europe descends into World War II. After Germany invades Poland, Lila and her family go missing, and Ludo's devotion to saving her from the Nazis becomes a journey to save his love, his loved ones, his country, and ultimately himself. Filled with unforgettable characters who fling all they have into the fight to keep their hopes—and themselves—alive, *The Kites* is Romain Gary's poetic call for resistance in whatever form it takes. A war hero himself, Gary embraced and fought for humanity in all its nuanced complexities, in the belief that a hero might be anyone who has the courage to love and hope.

Here is the first comprehensive examination of the international film career of Iowa-born actress Jean Seberg (1938–1979). Bursting onto the scene as star of Otto Preminger's controversial *Saint Joan* (1957), the 19-year-old Seberg encountered great difficulty recovering from the devastating criticism of her performance. The turnaround came in 1959 with her brilliant work in Jean-Luc Godard's "new wave" classic *À bout de souffle* (*Breathless*). Though her Hollywood prospects were harmed by subsequent political involvements, Seberg continued to work with some of Europe's finest directors. Her later films offer a fascinating view of the movie industry in the 1960s and 1970s—and of a courageous actress always ready for a new challenge. A biographical sketch provides a framework for detailed scrutiny of her 37 films. Background information and a critical evaluation is provided for each title.

A Smoldering Fire Romain Gary's Memoir By: Jane Bonnard Is there a delightful viewpoint for our cherished memories? Our heart, by all means... It is not Romain Gary, who would have disagreed; his famous "La vie devant soi" ends with "Il faut aimer," precious moral testament. In the pages of this book the author opens a tiny jewelry box, hidden so far in her chest; in the interior there is 'her' Romain, with whom she crossed paths in *Sofia* 1947, whose meaningful glance and sensibility have never ceased to stir up emotions in her and offer her tender support. Our existences encompass certain encounters, fortuitous or not, they color our lives differently, inviting us to enhance our part of humanity. That is what this

modest work is all about.

A classic of modern French literature, the thrilling real-life story of the military hero, ambassador, ladies man, writer, and loving son I grew up longing for the day when I could tear down the veil of darkness and absurdity concealing the true face of the universe and discover at last a smile of kindness and wisdom; I grew up in the certitude that one day I should help my fellow men to wrest the world from our enemies and give back the earth to those who ennoble it with their courage and warm it with their love. *Promise at Dawn* begins as the story of a mother's sacrifice: alone and poor, she fights fiercely to give her son the very best. Romain Gary chronicles his childhood in Russia, Poland, and on the French Riviera; he recounts his adventurous life as a young man fighting for France in World War II. But above all he tells the story of the love for his mother that was his very life—their secret and private planet, their wonderland “born out of a mother's murmur into a child's ear, a promise whispered at dawn of future triumphs and greatness, of justice and love.”

A young woman moves across an ocean to uncover the truth about her grandparents' mysterious estrangement and pieces together the extraordinary story of their wartime experiences. In 1948, after surviving World War II by escaping Nazi-occupied France for refugee camps in Switzerland, Miranda's grandparents, Anna and Armand, bought an old stone house in a remote, picturesque village in the South of France. Five years later, Anna packed her bags and walked out on Armand, taking the typewriter and their children. Aside from one brief encounter, the two never saw or spoke to each other again, never remarried, and never revealed what had divided them forever. *A Fifty-Year Silence* is the deeply involving account of Miranda Richmond Mouillot's journey to find out what happened between her grandmother, a physician, and her grandfather, an interpreter at the Nuremberg Trials, who refused to utter his wife's name aloud after she left him. To discover the roots of their embittered and entrenched silence, Miranda abandons her plans for the future and moves to their stone house, now a crumbling ruin; immerses herself in letters, archival materials, and secondary sources; and teases stories out of her reticent, and declining, grandparents. As she reconstructs how Anna and Armand braved overwhelming odds and how the knowledge her grandfather acquired at Nuremberg destroyed their relationship, Miranda wrestles with the legacy of trauma, the burden of history, and the complexities of memory. She also finds herself learning how not only to survive but to thrive—making a home in the village and falling in love. With warmth, humor, and rich, evocative details that bring her grandparents' outsize characters and their daily struggles vividly to life, *A Fifty-Year Silence* is a heartbreaking, uplifting love story spanning two continents and three generations.

Unlock the more straightforward side of *The Kites* with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of *The Kites* by Romain Gary, which tells the story of a young French boy, Ludo, and his all-consuming love for the beautiful Polish aristocrat Lila. Ludo lives in Normandy with his uncle Ambrose, an eccentric

kite-maker with a prodigious memory, but their peaceful life is shattered when the Nazis defeat and occupy France in 1940. In the years that follow, Ludo lives in constant danger as he works as a messenger for the Resistance, all the while yearning for Lila and keeping her alive in his imagination. *The Kites* is the last novel by Romain Gary, a prolific novelist, film director, diplomat and aviator, and the only author to be awarded the prestigious Prix Goncourt on two separate occasions. Find out everything you need to know about *The Kites* in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you: • A complete plot summary • Character studies • Key themes and symbols • Questions for further reflection Why choose BrightSummaries.com? Available in print and digital format, our publications are designed to accompany you on your reading journey. The clear and concise style makes for easy understanding, providing the perfect opportunity to improve your literary knowledge in no time. See the very best of literature in a whole new light with BrightSummaries.com!

A NOVEL OF DESPERATE LOVE, BITTER HOPE, CHILLING COURAGE AND RELENTLESS BRAVERY “THIS quietly terrible parable for our times was first published in France fifteen years ago and was awarded the Prix de Critiques. It was translated into fourteen languages, but not into English. Since then M. Gary has won international fame with several other books. Now an entirely rewritten and, M. Gary hopes, a much improved version of *A EUROPEAN EDUCATION* is published in English for the first time. “A too hasty glance at *A EUROPEAN EDUCATION* might give the impression that no novel has ever borne a more sadly ironical title, because this is a story of innocence ‘educated’ in all the horrors and atrocities of modern war. But some of the graduates of the twentieth century’s school of despair learned something other than the subjects taught. They learned that man’s dream of freedom, of dignity and of love, is immortal; that his faith in a future without hatred cannot be destroyed.”—Orville Prescott in *THE NEW YORK TIMES* “*A EUROPEAN EDUCATION* is a story of unmitigated privation and terror. But it is also the story of the human heart’s triumph over evil even in the exercise of evil. “*A EUROPEAN EDUCATION* is about a group of partisans called the ‘green ones’ because they live in the forests of Poland. They hide in caves, steal food and sabotage every effort of the Germans. “Before the book ends, the hero has become a man; he has killed; he has learned how to steal without being caught, how to make friends with the Germans whom he intends to kill, and how to love. “The title is inherent in Janek’s bitter summing up of what he has learned; ‘...all this European education comes down to is to teach you how to find the courage to shoot a man who sits there with lowered head...’ “This may not be Romain Gary’s most popular book, but it is a little masterpiece and may prove to be his.”—*THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE*

Prix Goncourt Winner: A “superb” novel of a Syrian immigrant in France and his two sons (*The New York Times Book Review*). *Older Brother* is the poignant story of a Franco-Syrian family whose father and two sons try to integrate

themselves into a society that doesn't offer them many opportunities. The father, an atheist communist who moved from Syria to France for his studies and stayed for love, has worked for decades driving a taxi to support his family. The eldest son is a driver for an app-based car service, which comically puts him at odds with his father, whose very livelihood is threatened by this new generation of disruptors. The younger son, shy and serious, works as a nurse in a French hospital. Jaded by the regular rejections he encounters in French society, he decides to join a Muslim humanitarian organization to help wounded civilians in the war in Syria. But when he stops sending news home, the silence begins to eat away at his father and brother, who wonder what his real motivations were. And when the younger brother returns home, he has changed . . . "A masterpiece of a first novel." ?The Guardian "A striking debut that reveals the breadth of emotional disconnection that prejudice can stoke within a family." ?Kirkus Reviews

Writing a new page in the surprisingly long history of literary deceit, *Impostors* examines a series of literary hoaxes, deceptions that involved flagrant acts of cultural appropriation. This book looks at authors who posed as people they were not, in order to claim a different ethnic, class, or other identity. These writers were, in other words, literary usurpers and appropriators who trafficked in what Christopher L. Miller terms the "intercultural hoax." In the United States, such hoaxes are familiar. Forrest Carter's *The Education of Little Tree* and JT LeRoy's *Sarah* are two infamous examples. Miller's contribution is to study hoaxes beyond our borders, employing a comparative framework and bringing French and African identity hoaxes into dialogue with some of their better-known American counterparts. In France, multiculturalism is generally eschewed in favor of universalism, and there should thus be no identities (in the American sense) to steal. However, as Miller demonstrates, this too is a ruse: French universalism can only go so far and do so much. There is plenty of otherness to appropriate. This French and Francophone tradition of imposture has never received the study it deserves. Taking a novel approach to this understudied tradition, *Impostors* examines hoaxes in both countries, finding similar practices of deception and questions of harm.

April 2020 will mark the 80th Anniversary of the fall of France to Nazi Germany, and the establishment of the provisional government of the Vichy state, a puppet of the Axis regime, to carry out the arrest and deportation of all Jewish civilians. In the course of her writing residency over a three-year period in the village of Auvillar, the author learns of acts of bravery and rebellion on the part of several of the Jewish families and individuals who risked their lives to save innocent refugees and children orphaned by the Holocaust, and gradually gains their trust enough for them to share the details of their harrowing experiences of rebellion and resistance. The author in turn discovers truths about her own life and Jewish heritage in America, which she now sees in the light of the bravery and selflessness of those who elected to act and not stand by idly in the face of oppression and genocide.

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A former Nazi, who has become a police officer in postwar Germany, is possessed by the ghost of the Jewish comedian that he executed during World War II

In this book Ralph Schoolcraft explores the extraordinary career of the modern French author, film director, and diplomat—a romantic and tragic figure whose fictions extended well beyond his books. Born Roman Kacew, he overcame an impoverished boyhood to become a French Resistance hero and win the coveted Goncourt Prize under the pseudonym—and largely invented persona—Romain Gary. Although he published such acclaimed works as *The Roots of Heaven* and *Promise at Dawn*, the Gaullist traditions that he defended in the world of French letters fell from favor, and his critical fortunes suffered at the hands of a hostile press. Schoolcraft details Gary's frustrated struggle to evolve as a writer in the eye of a public that now considered him a known quantity. Identifying the daring strategies used by this mysterious character as he undertook an elaborate scheme to reach a new readership, Schoolcraft offers new insight into the dynamics of authorship and fame within the French literary institutions. In the early 1970s Gary made his departure from the conservative literary establishment, publishing works that boasted a quirky, elliptical style under a variety of pseudonymous personae, the most successful of which was that of an Algerian immigrant by the name of Emile Ajar. Moving behind the mask of his new creation, Gary was able to win critical and popular acclaim and a second Goncourt in 1975. But as Schoolcraft suggests, Gary may have "sold his shadow"—that is, lost his authorial persona—by marketing himself too effectively. Going so far as to recruit a cousin to stand in as the public face of this phantom author, Gary kept the secret of his true authorship until his violent death in 1980 from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The press reacted with resentment over the scheme, and he was shunned into the ranks of literary oddities. Schoolcraft draws from archives of the several thousand documents related to Gary housed at the French publishing firms of Gallimard and Mercure de France, as well as the Butler Library at Columbia University. Exploring the depths of a story that has long remained shrouded in mystery, *Romain Gary: The Man Who Sold His Shadow* is as much a fascinating biographical sketch as it is a thought-provoking reflection on the assumptions made about identities in the public sphere.

Both a personal memoir and a French novelist's encounter with American reality, *White Dog* is an unforgettable portrait of racism and hypocrisy. Set in the tumultuous Los Angeles of 1968, Romain Gary's story begins when a German shepherd strays into his life: "He was watching me, his head cocked to one side, with that unbearable intensity of dogs in the pound waiting for a rescuer." A lost police canine, this "white dog" is programmed to respond violently to the sight of a black

man and Gary's attempts to deprogram it—like his attempts to protect his wife, the actress Jean Seberg; like her endeavors to help black activists; like his need to rescue himself from the "predicament of being trapped, lock, stock and barrel within a human skin"—lead from crisis to grief. Using the re-education of this adopted pet as a metaphor for the need to quash American racism, Gary develops a domestic crisis into a full-scale social allegory.

Ideal reading for anyone looking for adventure and romance in unusual settings. Lesley Blanch writes about four strong women in *The Wilder Shores of Love*. Turning East, away from 19th Century Europe and conventional living, they found emancipation through escape and adventure. Isabel Burton married the Arabist and explorer Richard Burton; they worked together on his translation of *A Thousand and One Nights*; Jane Digby el-Mezrab (Lady Ellenborough, the society beauty), had four husbands and numerous lovers, including Honoré de Balzac and King Ludwig I of Bavaria. She ended up living in the Syrian desert with a young Bedouin chieftain; Aimée Dubucq de Rivery was a French convent girl who was captured at sea by pirates and became the consort of Sultan Abdul Hamid I; and Isabelle Eberhardt was a Swiss linguist who went to Algeria where she lived among tribesmen in the Sahara, converted to Islam, and dressed as a man. ANAIS NIN — “I read *The Wilder Shores of Love* by Lesley Blanch and became completely devoted to her writing. It is a book of great vitality, superb storytelling. She is herself Scheherazade telling about four remarkable women. I was fascinated by the charm and with which she tells biographical facts. The four women became my heroines. I read the book several times. My admiration for her was total. *The Wilder Shores of Love* would have made colourful and entrancing films.” CARSON McCULLERS — “*The Wilder Shores of Love* is a book of such radiance and strength.” FREYA STARK — “A book as excellent as its title.” WASHINGTON POST BOOK WORLD — “Love, wanderlust, faraway places – all that Romance implies – make up this delicious book.” NEW YORKER — “Four seething but most enjoyable studies in headlong nonconformity.” DAILY TELEGRAPH — “Enthralling to read.”

Schatz, de-Nazified by tribunal and now a police chief of a city in the new Germany, is haunted by the ghost Genghis Chan. He is enmeshed in the investigation of a series of murders-22 male victims who died with their pants off and an expression of ineffable bliss on their faces.

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