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the introductory essay ... is remarkably and enjoyably full, a little masterpiece of concision that will reward those coming to the novel for the first time, and those for whom it is an old friend. The Bottle Imp, Ian Duncan

#### About the Author

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