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About the Author

Evelyn Waugh (1903-1966), whom *Time* called "one of the century's great masters of English prose," wrote several widely acclaimed novels as well as volumes of biography, memoir, travel writing, and journalism. Three of his novels, *A Handful of Dust, Scoop*, and *Brideshead Revisited*, were selected by the Modern Library as among the 100 best novels of the twentieth century.

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