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Editorial Review

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The 98 entries in *The Complete Stories of J. G. Ballard* remind us of the power of the well-crafted short story. The tales' chronological ordering offers a valuable glimpse into the author's evolution of thought and style, and the range of the work might surprise American readers (the collection was first published nearly a decade ago in Britain) who know Ballard's novels but haven't spent much time with the short fiction. Ballard draws on and influences an eclectic tradition—the author will remind many readers of the American writers Steven Millhauser, Philip K. Dick, William Burroughs, and others—to illustrate again and again how an old master can bring vignettes to life without skimping on big ideas.

Review

“A master story writer?the maker of unforgettable artifacts in words, each as absolute and perplexing as sculptures unviewable from a single perspective.” (Jonathan Lethem - The New York Times Book Review)

“A revelation; essential reading.” (Literary Journal)

“Eerie and melancholy, they unsettle like a Dali painting or a Helmut Newton photograph.” (Washington Post)

“Ballard is probably the most original English writer of the last century.... the book is indispensable.” (China Mieville - The Nation)

From the Back Cover

"More than one thousand compelling pages from one of the most haunting, cogent, and individual imaginations in contemporary literature."-William Boyd
Never before published in its entirety in America, with many stories new to American readers, *The Complete Stories of J. G. Ballard* is a monumental achievement by one of our greatest literary geniuses. Featuring such classics as "Prima Belladonna," "The Drowned Giant," and "The Assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy Considered as a Downhill Motor Race," the book evokes Poe and Kafka, Borges and Bradbury in its astonishing ability to render psychosis and modern paranoia in phantasmagorical detail on the printed page.
Praise for J.G. Ballard: "Ballard will be remembered as the most original English writer of the last century . . . [and] as a one-man genre; no one else is remotely like him. . . . He was sui generis. What was influential, though, was the marvelous creaminess of his prose, and the weird and sudden expansions of his imagery."-Martin Amis, *The Guardian*
"When I was a boy, I loved J. G. Ballard. And when I was a teenager, I loved J. G. Ballard. And as an adult, I loved J. G. Ballard."-Neil Gaiman
"For anyone bored with the stale conventions of mainstream fiction, his 90-odd short stories of stilled time, desolate beauty and personal fulfillment in extreme situations will be sheer delight."-John Gray, *The New Statesman*
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