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NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY *PUBLISHERS WEEKLY*

Compared by critics to Kafka, Joyce, and Musil, H. G. Adler is becoming recognized as one of the towering figures of twentieth-century fiction. Nobel Prize winner Elias Canetti wrote that “Adler has restored hope to modern literature,” and the first two novels rediscovered after his death, *Panorama* and *The Journey*, were acclaimed as “modernist masterpieces” by *The New Yorker*. Now his magnum opus, *The Wall*, the final installment of Adler’s Shoah trilogy and his crowning achievement as a novelist, is available for the first time in English.

Drawing upon Adler’s own experiences in the Holocaust and his postwar life, *The Wall*, like the other works in the trilogy, nonetheless avoids detailed historical specifics. The novel tells the story of Arthur Landau, survivor of a wartime atrocity, a man struggling with his nightmares and his memories of the past as he strives to forge a new life for himself. Haunted by the death of his wife, Franziska, he returns to the city of his youth and receives confirmation of his parents’ fates, then crosses the border and leaves his homeland for good.

Embarking on a life of exile, he continues searching for his place within the world. He attempts to publish his study of the victims of the war, yet he is treated with curiosity, competitiveness, and contempt by fellow intellectuals who escaped the conflict unscathed. Afflicted with survivor’s guilt, Arthur tries to leave behind the horrors of the past and find a foothold in the present. Ultimately, it is the love of his second wife, Johanna, and his two children that allows him to reaffirm his humanity while remembering all he’s left behind.

The Wall is a magnificent epic of survival and redemption, powerfully told through stream of consciousness and suffused with daydream, fantasy, memory, nightmare, and pure imagination. More than a portrait of a Holocaust survivor’s journey, it is a universal novel about recovering from the traumas of the past and finding a way to live again.

Praise for *The Wall*

“[A] majestic novel . . . Adler’s prose is tidal, surge after narrative surge rushing forward and then enigmatically receding, the moment displaced by memory, and memory by introspective soliloquy.”—**Cynthia Ozick, *The New York Times Book Review***

“A towering meditation on the self and spirit . . . The writing is sonorous and so entirely devastating that the reader is compelled to pore over every word.”—***Publishers Weekly* (starred review)**

“Masterful and utterly unique.”—***The Jerusalem Post***

“Haunting and utterly heart-wrenching . . . a literary masterpiece.”—***Historical Novels Review***

“An epic novel . . . an unforgettable portrait.”—***The Jewish Week***

“[A] pensive portrait of a man struggling to find a place in the world after enduring transformative calamity . . . an eloquent record of suffering—and perhaps of redemption as well.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

Praise for H. G. Adler’s novels *The Journey* and *Panorama*, translated by Peter Filkins

“Modernist masterpieces worthy of comparison to those of Kafka or Musil.”—*The New Yorker*

“Haunting . . . as remarkable for its literary experimentation as for its historical testimony.”—*San Francisco Chronicle*, on *Panorama*

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