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Editorial Review

From Bookforum

A bleakly absurdist, voluptuously written saga of abject disintegration on the muddy nowhere-ville of the Hungarian puszta, *Satantango* had a sardonic prescience. Supposedly structured on the forward-backward steps of the tango, the novel glides from one consciousness to another, ultimately revealed as a kind of Mobius strip. —J. Hoberman

Review

“He offers us stories that are relentlessly generative and defiantly irresolvable. They are haunting, pleasantly weird, and, ultimately, bigger than the worlds they inhabit.” (The New York Times Book Review)

“The excitement of Krasznahorkai's writing is that he has come up with his own original forms - and one of the most haunting is his first, *Satantango*. There is nothing else like it in contemporary literature.” (Adam Thirwell - The New York Review of Books)

“*Satantango* is a monster of a novel: compact, cleverly constructed, often exhilarating, and possessed of a distinctive, compelling vision - but a monster nonetheless...The grandeur is clearly palpable.” (The Guardian)

“Krasznahorkai is alone among European novelists now in his intensity and originality. One of the most mysterious artists now at work.” (Colm Tóibín)

“Profoundly unsettling.” (James Wood - The New Yorker)

“His inexhaustible yet claustrophobic prose, with its long, tight, weaving sentences, each like a tantalising tightrope between banality and apocalypse, places the author in a European tradition of Beckett, Bernhard, and Kafka.” (James Hopkin - The Independent)

About the Author

László Krasznahorkai, described by James Wood in the New Yorker as an “obsessive visionary,” was born in Gyula, Hungary. This is his seventh book published by New Directions.

George Szirtes is a Hungarian-born British poet and translator who has translated works by Sándor Csoóri, Dezső Kosztolányi, and László Krasznahorkai.

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