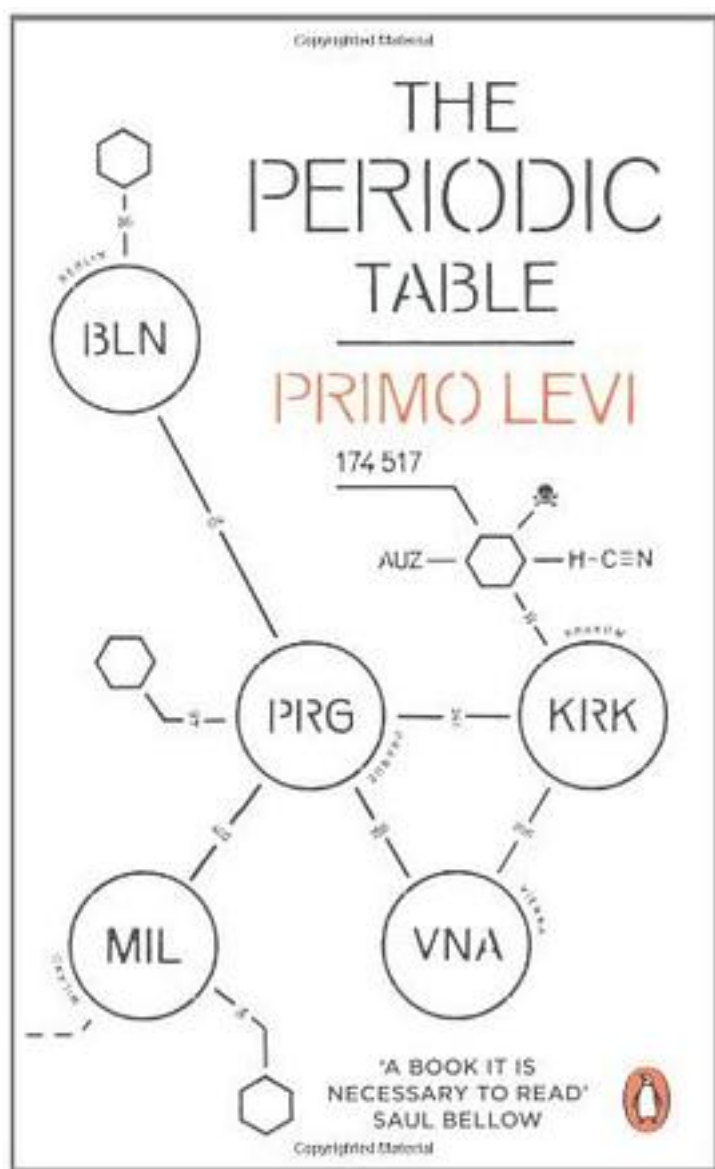


The Periodic Table



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The Periodic Table is largely a memoir of the years before and after Primo Levi's transportation from his native Italy to Auschwitz as an anti-Facist partisan and a Jew.

It recounts, in clear, precise, unfailingly beautiful prose, the story of the Piedmontese Jewish community from which Levi came, of his years as a student and young chemist at the inception of the Second World War, and of his investigations into the nature of the material world. As such, it provides crucial links and backgrounds, both personal and intellectual, in the tremendous project of remembrance that is Levi's gift to posterity. But far from being a prologue to his experience of the Holocaust, Levi's masterpiece represents his most impassioned response to the events that engulfed him.

The Periodic Table celebrates the pleasures of love and friendship and the search for meaning, and stands as a monument to those things in us that are capable of resisting and enduring in the face of tyranny.

From the Hardcover edition.

作者介绍:

Primo Michele Levi (July 31, 1919 – April 11, 1987) was a Jewish Italian chemist, Holocaust survivor and author of memoirs, short stories, poems, and novels.

He is best known for his work on the Holocaust, and in particular his account of the year he spent as a prisoner in Auschwitz, the infamous death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. *If This Is a Man* (published in the United States as *Survival in Auschwitz*) has been described as one of the most important works of the twentieth century.

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文笔这么好思想这么深邃还做了一辈子本行，莱维对化学是真爱啊。。。太令人自卑了唉

《元素周期表》（The Periodic Table）被大英皇家研究所评选为有史以来的science book第一名，其实这是一本以元素周期表命名的短篇小说集子。集中小说都是Levi在纳粹时期作为一个犹太裔意大利化学家自传性质的。集中的主题以时间为序，写了他的祖先，他在战时意大利学习以及研究化学的经历，两篇虚拟作品，以及他后来作为反战分子被捕、入狱、受拷问和在奥斯维辛的经历。全集21篇小说，都以某种元素命名，而且这种元素与文章存在某种关联。

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Thayer大佬给我推荐的书。原书是用意大利语写的，不知道是翻译的问题还是怎样，一开始几章挺无聊的，差点弃读。一直到”磷”那一章，讲二战初始犹太人在意大利社会立足的无奈与艰辛，才觉得这书还是很神的。从那以后每一章，时而悲壮，时而有趣。就像Levi在最后一章说的，这不是一本化学书，而是一本历史书。一本化学家和犹太人的历史。

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