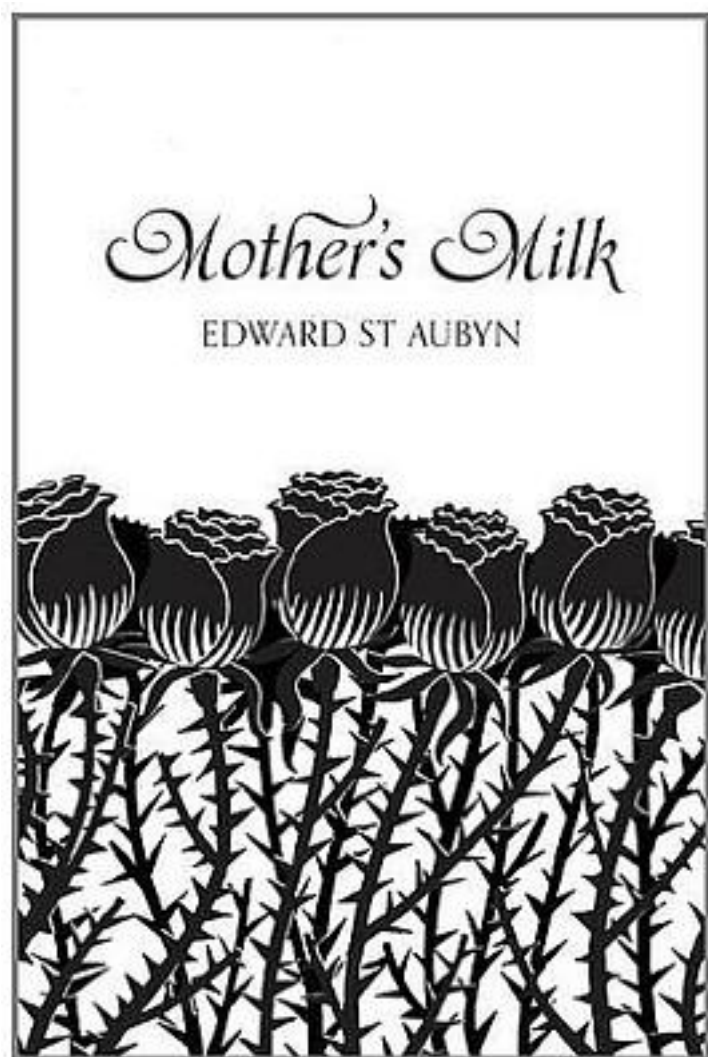


Mother's Milk



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Writing with the scathing wit and bright perceptiveness for which he has become known, celebrated English author Edward St. Aubyn creates a complex family portrait that examines the shifting allegiances between mothers, sons, and husbands. The novel's perspective ricochets among all members of the Melrose family -- the family featured in St. Aubyn's widely praised trilogy, *Some Hope* -- starting with Robert, who provides an exceptionally droll and convincing account of being born; to Patrick, a hilariously churlish husband who has been sexually abandoned by his wife in favor of his sons; to Mary, who's consumed by her children and overwhelming desire not to repeat the mistakes of her own mother. All the while, St. Aubyn examines the web of false promises that entangle this once illustrious family -- whose last vestige of wealth, an old house in the south of France -- is about to be donated by Patrick's mother to a New Age foundation. An up-to-the-minute dissection of the mores of child-rearing, marriage, adultery, and assisted suicide, *Mother's Milk* showcases St. Aubyn's luminous and acidic prose -- and his masterful ability to combine the most excruciating emotional pain with the driest comedy.

作者介绍:

Edward St Aubyn was born in London in 1960. He was educated at Westminster school and Keble college, Oxford University. He is the author of six novels, the most recent of which, 'Mother's Milk', was shortlisted for the 2006 Man Booker Prize, won the 2007 Prix Femina Etranger and won the 2007 South Bank Show award on literature.

His first novel, 'Never Mind' (1992) won the Betty Trask award. This novel, along with 'Bad News' (1992) and 'Some Hope' (1994) became a trilogy, now collectively published under the title 'Some Hope'.

His other fiction consists of 'On the Edge' (1998) which was shortlisted for the Guardian Fiction Prize and *A Clue to the Exit* (2000)

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Finally

这本读的好糟心哇

我在读这本时写的批注比前三本都多，因为看之前注意到这是唯一一本获奖的分册，也抱着更大的期望。这本以Patrick儿子的视角开篇写了几章，Patrick不再是心理描写的主要对象，成为了somebody 's father，回忆或者说揣测婴儿的洞察力非常新颖，后面也有从Mary的心理视角去描写Patrick的发展历程，很有意思。另外，此本没有和先前一样单写一天或几天内发生的事，而是放长了时间跨度，描绘几年间的变化，人物关系的恶化也十分有趣。当然，irony的幽默是不曾变的。

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