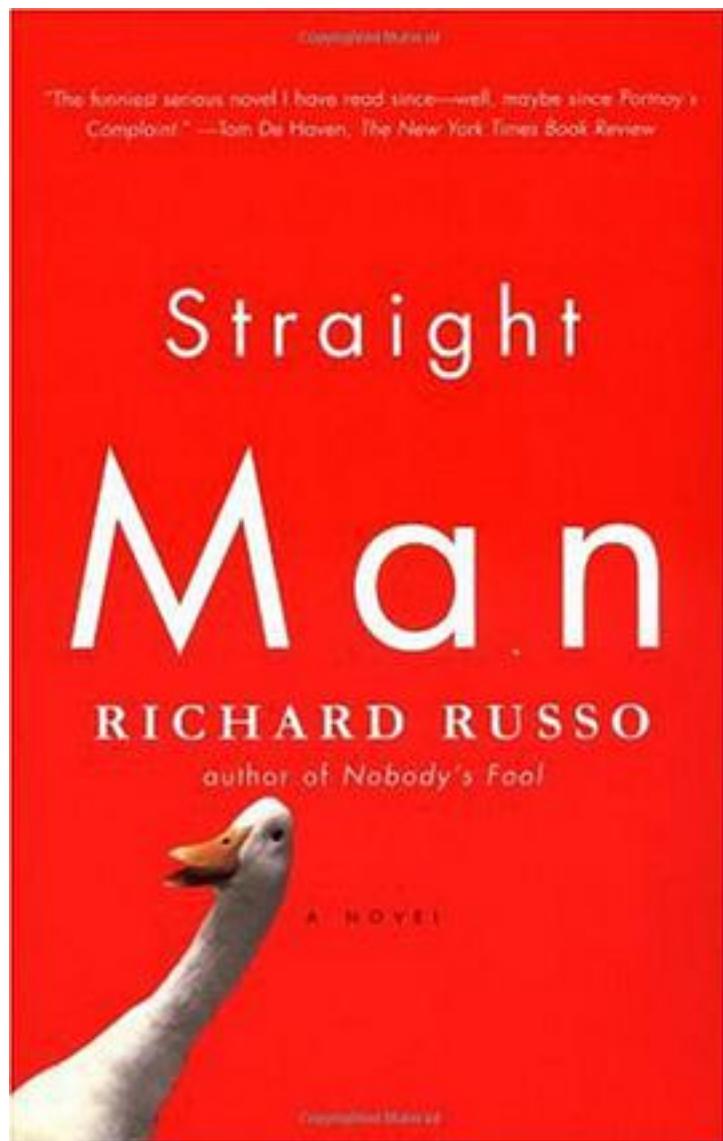


Straight Man



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In this uproarious new novel, Richard Russo performs his characteristic high-wire walk between hilarity and heartbreak. Russo's protagonist is William Henry Devereaux, Jr., the reluctant chairman of the English department of a badly underfunded college in the Pennsylvania rust belt. Devereaux's reluctance is partly rooted in his character--he is a born anarchist-- and partly in the fact that his department is more savagely divided than the Balkans. In the course of a single week, Devereaux will have his nose mangled by an angry colleague, imagine his wife is having an affair with his dean, wonder if a curvaceous adjunct is trying to seduce him with peach pits, and threaten to execute a goose on local television. All this while coming to terms with his philandering father, the dereliction of his youthful promise, and the ominous failure of certain vital body functions. in short, *Straight Man* is classic Russo--side-splitting and true-to-life, witty, compassionate, and impossible to put down.

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| 2017.4.26-5.1 even funnier the second time so it's years of academic lunacy stories concentrated into one novel if only he'd stayed longer in academia or had more lunatic colleagues or could just recycle some unused material and write another one

逗。戏剧性。

pathetic academic life story

如此戏剧性地吐槽了中年学术生活...:)

难以想象Russo如果一直呆在学界会写出什么精彩的故事，哈哈！有空会去翻一下他后来得普利策奖的Empire Falls，以及第一部作品Mohawk。

我记得那个清晨的芝加哥机场，你在身旁安静地读这本书，我靠着你入睡。后来我也细读了这本书，一点也不令人失望。

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书评

语言诙谐流畅接地气，故事围绕中年危机三流学校英语教授的生活和工作展开。前半本时常让人笑出声，后半段有些没感觉了。除了爬上房顶有些夸张，总体来说情节编排很合理紧凑，据说该书是作者本人在各种三流大学教书的体验而来。
教授之间的办公室政治，让我想起了围城，环环相...

小说书名Straight

Man原是指一对说笑话段子的喜剧演员中，不苟言笑、却时而口出妙语的那一位，类似于中国相声里所称的“捧哏者”。主人公小威廉·亨利·德佛瑞克斯外号“汉克”，是宾夕法尼亚亚雷敦市的一所二流大学里的英文系主任。他能当上这个职位，大半是靠了其父老威廉·...

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