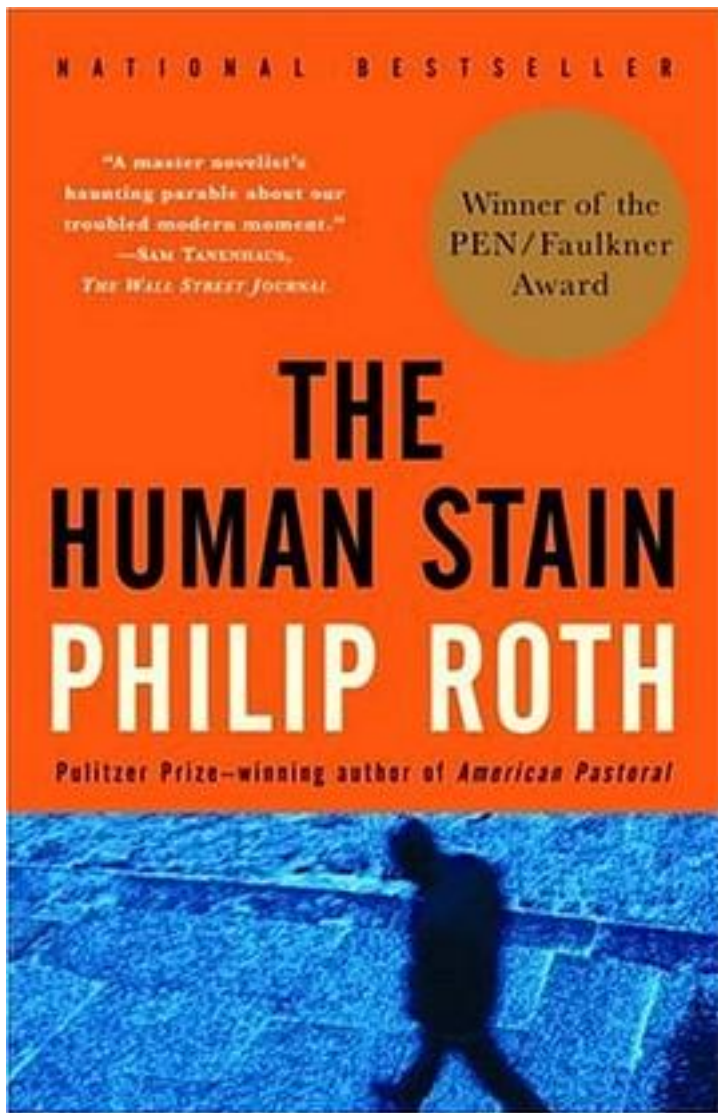


The Human Stain



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It is 1998, the year in which America is whipped into a frenzy of prurience by the impeachment of a president, and in a small New England town, an aging classics professor, Coleman Silk, is forced to retire when his colleagues decree that he is a racist. The charge is a lie, but the real truth about Silk would have astonished his most virulent accuser. Coleman Silk has a secret. But it's not the secret of his affair, at seventy-one, with Faunia Farley, a woman half his age with a savagely wrecked past - a part-time farmhand and a janitor at the college where, until recently, he was the powerful dean of faculty. And it's not the secret of Coleman's alleged racism, which provoked the college witch-hunt that cost him his job and, to his mind, killed his wife. Nor is it the secret of misogyny, despite the best efforts of his ambitious young colleague, Professor Delphine Roux, to expose him as a fiend. Coleman's secret has been kept for fifty years: from his wife, his four children, his colleagues, and his friends, including the writer Nathan Zuckerman, who sets out to understand how this eminent, upright man, esteemed as an educator for nearly all his life, had fabricated his identity and how that cannily controlled life came unraveled. Set in 1990s America, where conflicting moralities and ideological divisions are made manifest through public denunciation and rituals of purification, *The Human Stain* concludes Philip Roth's eloquent trilogy of postwar American lives that are as tragically determined by the nation's fate as by the "human stain" that so ineradicably marks human nature. This harrowing, deeply compassionate, and completely absorbing novel is a magnificent successor to his Vietnam-era novel, *American Pastoral*, and his McCarthy-era novel, *I Married a Communist*.

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我没看懂，然后高人说她也没看懂==!

sadder but wiser

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书评

菲利普罗斯的美国三部曲花了三个星期的时间读完，平均下来也就是一个星期一本的样子。对我而言可以算是一个较快的阅读速度了。三本书的阅读顺序分别是《美国牧歌》、《我嫁给了共产党人》以及《人性的污秽》。
美国小说家似乎都有股乡土情结而且都很有野心都想写...

读得第一本罗斯的书。感觉翻译得不是很好，读起来有些拗口。 1.
每个人都拥有自己的秘密，秘密就是你需要更多的谎言去填补的东西。对于科尔曼来说，他的秘密就是隐藏了自己黑人血统的真相，与家人一刀两断，伪装成一个白人，进入中产阶级知识分子队伍，做了一个体面的大学教授...

其实整个叙述的就是一个冲撞危机，身份，语言，过去，现在，年龄等等，最后男女主人公也以冲撞形式的车祸结束生命。
71岁的出身于一个讲究用词准确的黑人家庭却一直以犹太人身份背叛家族的原雅典娜学院院长，一个大学古典文学的教授，因为对没来上课的两个同学用了个有另外含...

这两天头脑中总是浮现着一个画面，这个画面是作为一个电视镜头出现的：一个男人和一个女人，面容好看，着装高贵，他们相对而坐，正在举起手中的香槟酒碰杯。镜头拉下来，两个人的赤裸的身体正在疯狂的做爱。然后想到一句话：头脑是干净的，下体是肮脏的。这只是一个象征性的、...

教授被指控犯有种族歧视罪，仅仅因为从未出席他课程、学业成绩低劣的两位黑人学生说：“我不愿去上他的课，因为这位教授身上散发着浓烈的种族歧视的气息。”明处和隐藏在暗处的敌人和竞争对手别有居心地跳出来人身攻击这位教授，使他百口莫辩。所有人都为了自己肮脏的利益，干...

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