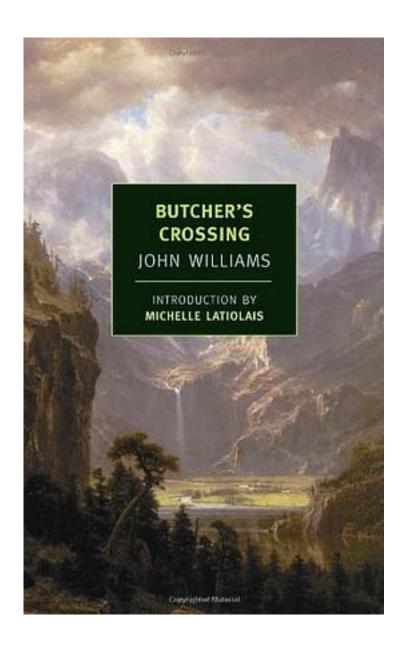
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In his National Book Award-winning novel Augustus, John Williams uncovered the secrets of ancient Rome. With Butcher's Crossing, his fiercely intelligent, beautifully written western, Williams dismantles the myths of modern America. It is the 1870s, and Will Andrews, and#64257; red up by Emerson to seek "an original relation to nature," drops out of Harvard and head's west. He washes up in Butcher's Crossing, a small Kansas town on the outskirts of nowhere. "Butcher's Crossing "is full of restless men looking for ways to make money and ways to waste it. Before long Andrews strikes up a friendship with one of them, a man who regales Andrews with tales of immense herds of buffalo, ready for the taking, hidden away in a beautiful valley deep in the Colorado Rockies. He convinces Andrews to join in an expedition to track the animals down. The journey out is grueling, but at the end is a place of paradisal richness. Once there, however, the three men abandon themselves to an orgy of slaughter, so caught up in killing buffalo that they lose all sense of time. Winter soon overtakes them: they are snowed in. Next spring, half-insane with cabin fever, cold, and hunger, they stagger back to Butcher's Crossing to and #64257; nd a world as irremediably changed as they have been.

作者介绍:

John Williams (1922-1994) was born and raised in northeast Texas. Despite a talent for writing and acting, Williams flunked out of a local junior college after his first year. He reluctantly joined the war effort, enlisting in the Army Air Corps, and managing to write a draft of his first novel while there. Once home, Williams found a small publisher for the novel and enrolled at the University of Denver, where he was eventually to receive both his B.A. and M.A., and where he was to return as an instructor in 1954. Williams remained on the staff of the creative writing program at the University of Denver until his retirement in 1985. During these years, he was an active guest lecturer and writer, publishing two volumes of poetry and three novels, Butcher's Crossing, Stoner, and the National Book Award—winning Augustus. In addition to Butcher's Crossing, NYRB Classics also publishes Stoner.

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约翰威廉斯
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我竟然还蛮喜欢这本的!
a patient echoing to the impressive quotation by Melville "Here we find Nature to be the circumstance which dwarfs every other circumstance, and judges like a god all mer that come to her…But who froze to death my teamster on the prairie? And who made an idiot of Peter the Willy Boy?"

大爱john

williams,字字珠玑,从stoner到这本就没有让我失望过。与其说这是一部经典西部拓荒小说,不如说是一部讲述少年从初步尘世对自然抱有不切实际的浪漫幻想到真正从自然原始力量之中逐渐寻找到真我的bildungsroman。

大段大段的翻越山川的描写…真的好枯燥哦…对比Stoner,好失望…

很惊人的作家,这本比不上stoner,不过不错

确实精彩,发现了中文版中删减的段落,不知道是故意的还是忘记翻译了,,米勒在后形象落差真的太可怕了,但确实非常真实令人信服。

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书评

美国作家约翰・爱德华・威廉斯(1922-1994)是文学出版界的一个奇特现象。其"学术小说"《斯托纳》(Stoner)近年因法国作家安娜・贾维尔达(Anna Gavalda)将其翻译成法文,并极力推崇,在欧洲热卖。这部小说写于1965年,此番重出江湖时,出版商宣传其为"你尚未读过的最伟大的…

这部小说曾被誉为"最好的西部小说",不过作者约翰·威廉斯却很不喜欢这一说法,也拒绝因此被贴上"西部文学大师"的标签。当然,他是对的:就像《红楼梦》不应由于主角们都是一群少男少女而被归类为"青春文学"一样,西部仅仅是《屠夫十字镇》故事发生的背景,但小说本身探...

[&]quot;有谁的身世听起来比你更可怜?有谁在凶恶的灾难中遭遇着人生的变迁,比你更可怜

?"——古希腊悲剧《俄狄浦斯王》 从《斯通纳》到《屠夫十字镇》,读者的视野由学院生活延伸到西部旷野,你会发现作 家约翰·威廉斯总有意无意地踩在小说分类的边缘,轻率的读者很容...

2016上半年,一部蒙尘五十年的长篇小说《斯通纳》重新出土,一夕间声名鹊起。出版公司做了大张旗鼓的营销和宣传,文艺网站豆瓣也是铺天盖地的传播与评论。该书作者是美国作家约翰・威廉斯,而对我们读者来说,和这本作品一样,这位学者、作家也是一张陌生的面孔。 约翰・威廉...

在谈论以品钦、德里罗为代表的当代作家作品时,文学评论家詹姆斯·伍德使用了"歇斯底里现实主义"的断语。他认为,现代派小说无论从结构还是篇幅都称得上是"巨无霸"。作家们雄心勃勃,一方面沿袭狄更斯以来严整的叙事体系,一方面穷尽后现代把戏颠覆前人,洋洋洒洒近千页...

约翰·威廉斯的小说产量很少,题材却遍及多样,中国读者最熟悉,也是他现在最著名的是几十年后被重新掘出,成为"新经典"的学院题材小说《斯通纳》,此外他还有历史小说《奥古斯都》和西部小说《屠夫十字镇》等作品。斯通纳本人是拒绝"西部小说"这个名号的,虽然印上这种标...

曾是满腔热血地寻找自我,逃离熟悉的环境,体验陌生的行业,到头来一切只是过往云烟。《屠夫十字镇》的主人公威尔·安德鲁斯正是如此,他离开小镇时,一无所有,带走的只剩那曾经的回忆。 作者约翰·威廉斯,美国作家,作品极少,年初中国引进了他的作品《斯通纳》畅销一时…

文/夏丽柠

约翰·威廉斯的《屠夫十字镇》貌似一本失败之书,却又隐藏希望。作者威廉斯教授, 1922年生于美国的德克萨斯,因写作能力优异而到电台和报社工作。二战爆发后,他 作为美国空军去印度和缅甸服役。战争接近尾声时,他先去丹佛读大学,又去密苏里大 学读博士。1955年,…

去年才读了美国文学奠基之作梭罗的《瓦尔登湖》,起先我一直以为它是小说。《瓦尔

登湖》并非一本易消化的消遣读物,文中除却梭罗对荒野人生的思考,还有大块大块有关经济政治的议论,读的昏昏然。 梭罗的贡献不只是带动了自然文学的创作,不少作家是直接受《瓦尔登湖》的

和大部分人一样,我也是在看了《斯通纳》以后,才认识了John Williams,在读完《斯通纳》后,觉得十分意犹未尽,于是看起了这本《屠夫十字镇》

。 或许我们每个人都曾是安德鲁斯,厌倦了日常生活,觉得琐碎的生活是压抑的、 、懒散的、毫无意义的,我们渴望冲破这样的束缚…	丑陋的
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