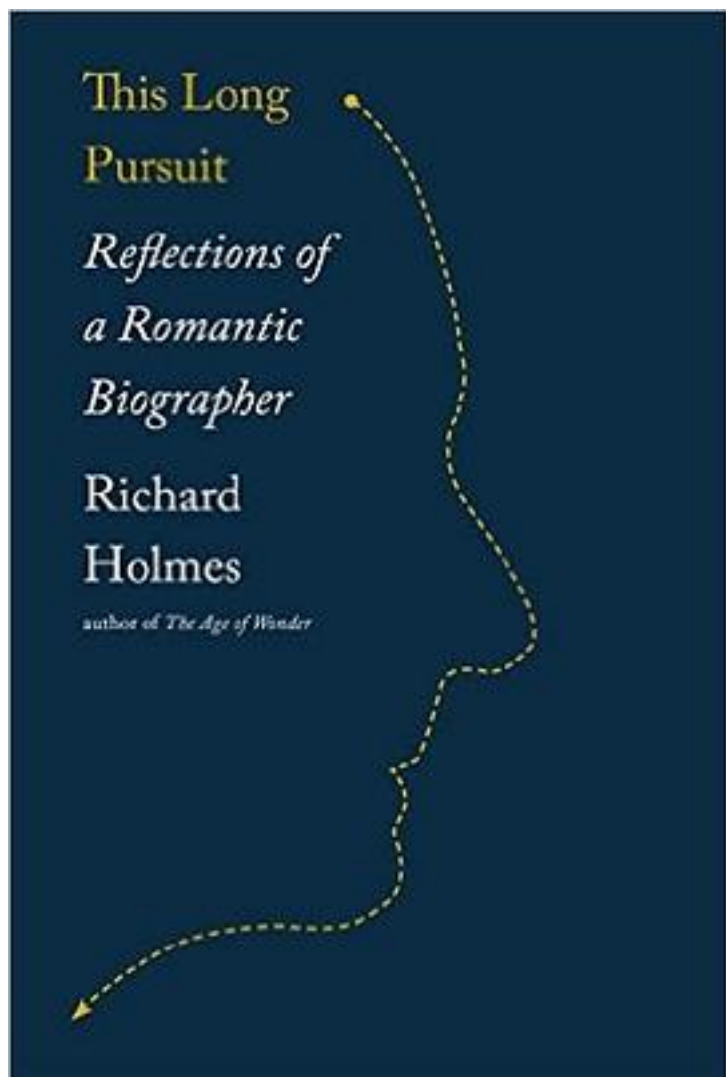


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From the award-winning author of *The Age of Wonder* and *Falling Upwards*, a luminous meditation on the art of biography that fuses the author's own story as a biographer with a history of the genre that reveals how it succeeds in telling both fiction and fact.

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