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Only when one has lost all curiosity about the future has one reached the age to write an autobiography'. Waugh begins his story with heredity, writing of the energetic, literary and sometimes eccentric men and women who, unknown to themselves, contributed to his genius. Save for a few pale shadows, his childhood was warm, bright and serene. The Hampstead and Lancing schooldays which followed were sometimes agreeable, but often not. His life at Oxford - which he evokes in Brideshead Revisited - was essentially a catalogue of friendship. His cool recollection of those hedonistic days is a portrait of the generation of Harold Acton, Cyril Connolly and Anthony Powell. That exclusive world he recalls with elegant wit and precision. He closes with his experiences as a master at a preparatory school in North Wales which inspired Decline and Fall.

作者介绍:

伊夫林·沃(Evelyn Waugh,1903—1966),英国著名作家,被誉为英国二十世纪最优秀的讽刺小说家,并被公认为二十世纪最杰出的文体家之一。他最优秀的作品包括早期的讽刺小说《衰落与瓦解》、《邪恶的肉身》、《黑色恶作剧》、《一把尘土》等,创作中后期则有长篇巨著《故园风雨后》、描写二战的《荣誉之剑》三部曲以及自传《一知半解》等。

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书评
此书入选《理想藏书》,也是我读过作者的第一本书。介绍是把作者评价非常高,但似乎此书读来有些平淡。但细细回味一下,又别有一番滋味。其实文学家的回忆录非常有意思。比政治家的要好看得多。我最欣赏是《家庭纪事》三部曲,《家父的荣誉》四部曲等等。此书虽然没有这样精彩
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