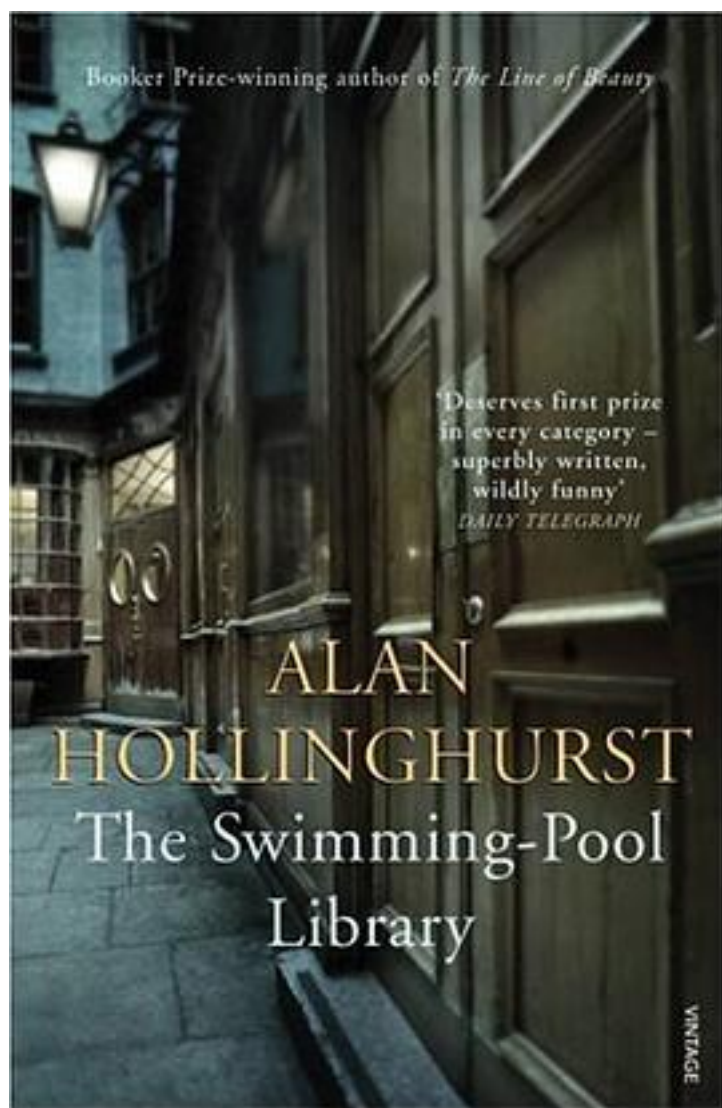


# The Swimming-pool Library



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Alan Hollinghurst's first novel is a tour de force : a darkly erotic work that centres on the friendship of William Beckwith, a young gay aristocrat who leads a life of privilege and promiscuity, and the elderly Lord Nantwich, who is searching for someone to write his biography. (20050324)

作者介绍:

Alan Hollinghurst is an English novelist, and winner of the 2004 Booker Prize for *The Line of Beauty*.

He read English at Magdalen College, Oxford graduating in 1975; and subsequently took the further degree of Master of Literature (1979). While at Oxford he shared a house with Andrew Motion, and was awarded the Newdigate Prize for poetry in 1974, the year before Motion.

In the late 1970s he became a lecturer at Magdalen, and then at Somerville College and Corpus Christi College, Oxford. In 1981 he moved on to lecture at University College London. In 1997, he went on an Asia book tour in Singapore.

In 1981 he joined *The Times Literary Supplement* and was the paper's deputy editor from 1982 to 1995.

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## 评论

文体和审美趣味上深得Wilde, Ronald Firbank和Forster真传，唯美主义、颓废主义倾向十分明显。作者通过富家公子William Beckwith的第一人称视角展现了八十年代、前艾滋病时期伦敦同性恋群体丰富多样的生活；同时引入Lord Nantwich这个角色，使Will得以重新审视个人成长、情感、家庭以及英国同性恋群体在不同时代的遭遇。这本书并不是广泛意义上供人消遣的同志小说，而是一本囊括了种族歧视、英国殖民史、同性恋亚文化、性少数群体受迫害史等诸多议题的严肃作品。即使面对当时更为保守的异性恋主流话语，Hollinghurst在这本处女作中毫不妥协、宣泄式地描写了英国男同性恋者们的情爱生活，包括对interracial gay sex的大胆描写，宣示了一种积极抗辩的姿态。

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