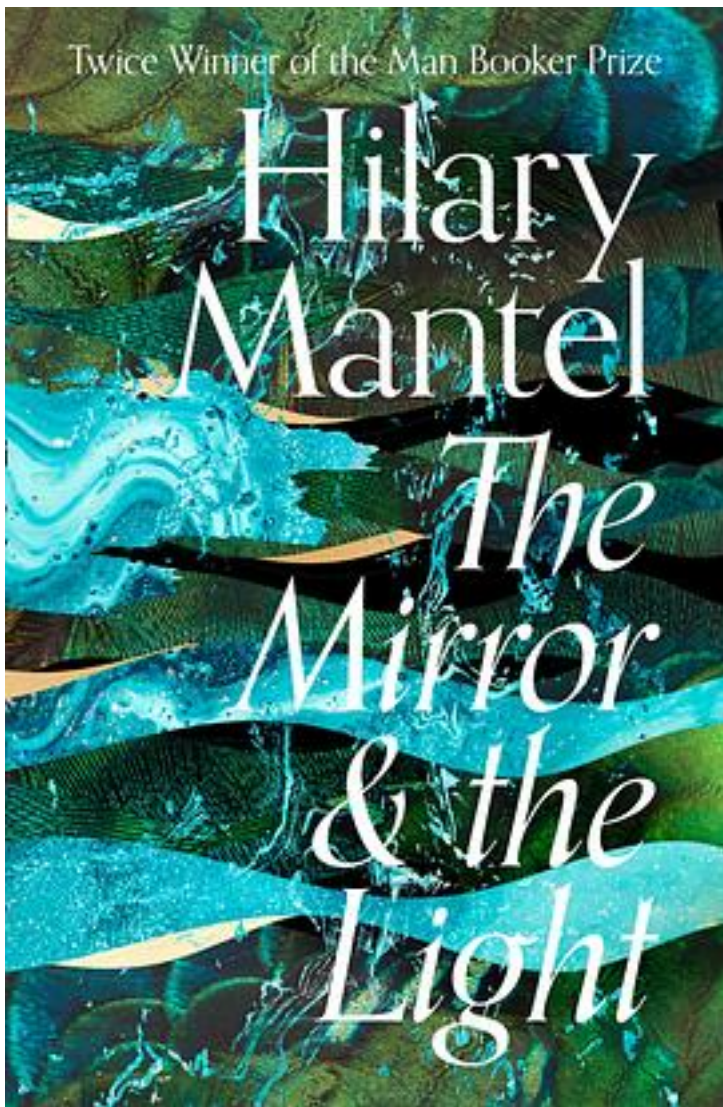


# The Mirror and the Light



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‘If you cannot speak truth at a beheading, when can you speak it?’

England, May 1536. Anne Boleyn is dead, decapitated in the space of a heartbeat by a hired French executioner. As her remains are bundled into oblivion, Thomas Cromwell breakfasts with the victors. The blacksmith’s son from Putney emerges from the spring’s bloodbath to continue his climb to power and wealth, while his formidable master, Henry VIII, settles to short-lived happiness with his third queen, before Jane dies giving birth to the male heir he most craves.

Cromwell is a man with only his wits to rely on; he has no great family to back him, no private army. Despite rebellion at home, traitors plotting abroad and the threat of invasion testing Henry’s regime to breaking point, Cromwell’s robust imagination sees a new country in the mirror of the future. But can a nation, or a person, shed the past like a skin? Do the dead continually unbury themselves? What will you do, the Spanish ambassador asks Cromwell, when the king turns on you, as sooner or later he turns on everyone close to him?

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## 评论

A long read for these distracted times, but not sure if it's worth it. Beautiful prose of course, yet little sympathy or towards the end, interest.

看了一个多月，最后一部分我哭得好大声

words fail me

狼厅电视剧粉刚刚看完第一节，赶来打个五星，后面应该也不会失望的

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## 书评

《镜与光》是门特尔的”克伦威尔三部曲”第三部，九百多页，体量是前两本的总和，三本加起来接近两千页。第二部《提堂》读过几遍之后就一直在等这一本，一等就是好几年时间，我经常查看门特尔的个人网站，这本书的出版时间却一再推迟，goodreads上有人说这是因为门特尔对克伦威...

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