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After the publication of his first novel, *The Bohemians*-hailed as "stunning" by The New York Times and found "erotic and wickedly funny" by The Washington Post-Alan Cheuse was heralded as an important and resounding new voice in fiction. Now, as the comments on the back jacket attest, Mr. Cheuse follows with an even more astonishing novel.

The unlikely setting for The Grandmothers Club is a neighborhood soda fountain, where, over a succession of meetings, Mrs. Bloch, the elderly mother of a powerful former rabbi turned businessman, reveals to her friend the disquieting saga of her son's life. The reader hears of Emmanuel Bloch's dramatic rise from the ghetto and his subsequent fall-struck down by desires that he cannot control and women whom he cannot understand.

But the book is far more than the story of one man, one mother's son—it is a broad study of the human character and human spirit, laced with wisdom and comic observation. The book's epic proportions, and the energy of its narrative, immediately qualify it as a tour de force.

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