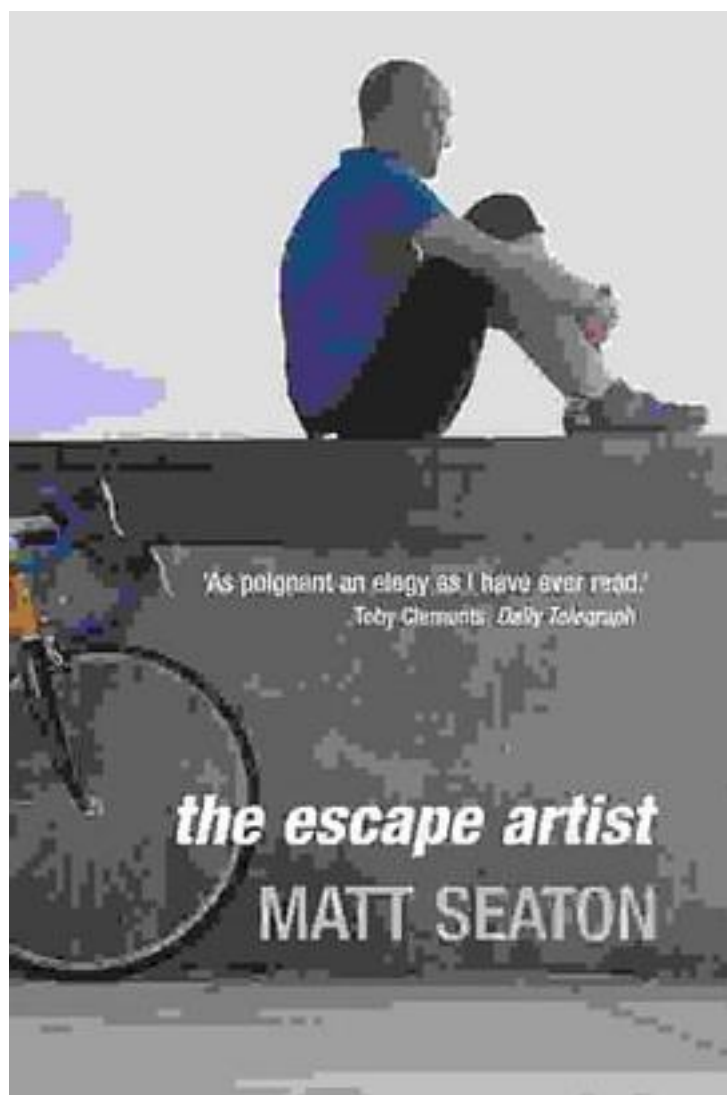


# The Escape Artist



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Set in the brothels and gangster dens of Jewish Buenos Aires at the beginning of the twentieth century, *The Escape Artist* catapults us into the lives of Sofia Teitelbaum (tricked into prostitution and away from the gentility of her Eastern European family), and a handsome, mysterious magician, Hankus Lubarsky (enjoying the freedom of South America after the pogroms of Poland), as they somersault, tumble, and spin their way into an imagined future together. Traveling in a world of small-scale criminals and large emotions, our two lesbian heroes rub elbows with -- and up against -- Sofia's captors, the formidable and bizarrely religious Madame Perle Goldenberg and her malcontent brother Tutsik; Marek Fishbein, the boorish king pimp of the ghetto; Perle's bordello colleague, salty Red Ruthie; and a bevy of unblushing racketeers, hypocrites, and whores. Written with the bent notes and dizzying rhythms of a Klezmer tune, *The Escape Artist* is a breathtaking, delightful tale, full of spills, chills, and lush language. Its historical sleight of hand and brave imagination keep all the balls in the air.

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