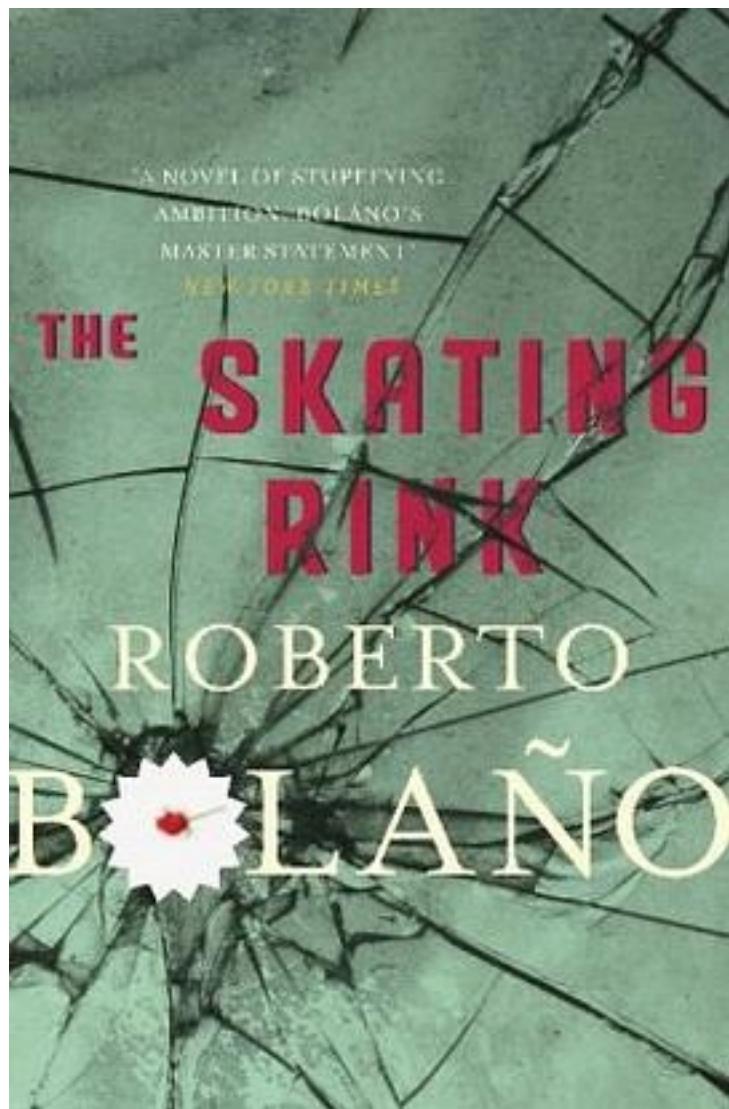


# The Skating Rink



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Set in the seaside town of Z, on the Costa Brava, north of Barcelona, The Skating Rink oscillates between two poles: a camp ground and a ruined mansion, the Palacio Benvingut. The story, told by three male narrators, revolves around a beautiful figure skating champion, Nuria Marti. When she is suddenly dropped from the Olympic team, a pompous but besotted civil servant secretly builds a skating rink in the ruined Palacio Benvingut, using public funds. But Nuria has affairs, provokes jealousy, and the skating rink becomes a crime scene. A mysterious pair of women, an ex-opera singer and a taciturn girl often armed with a knife, turn up as well. A complex book, The Skating Rink's short chapters are skillfully broken off with questions to maintain the narrative tension: Who was murdered? Who was the murderer? Will the murderer be caught? All of these questions are answered, and yet The Skating Rink is not fundamentally a crime novel, or not exclusively; it's also about political corruption, sex, the experience of immigration, and frustrated passion. And it's an atmospheric chronicle of one summer season in a seaside town, with its vacationers, its drifters, its businessmen, bureaucrats and social workers.

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特色是让三个男人分别从各自的视角叙述故事，个人不太适应的是语言有些碎碎念，波拉尼奥用第一人称写不如第三人称来得干净利落。小说的简介倒是挺抓人的，但是真正到了小说里，其实简介说到的就是一些噱头。。。。

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还没翻译很可惜，这本要比波拉尼奥其它中篇好很多。集齐了所有波拉尼奥小说会出现的元素。有几段关于Rookie的部分，太伤感了，恶可以是一种对善的追求的方式

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