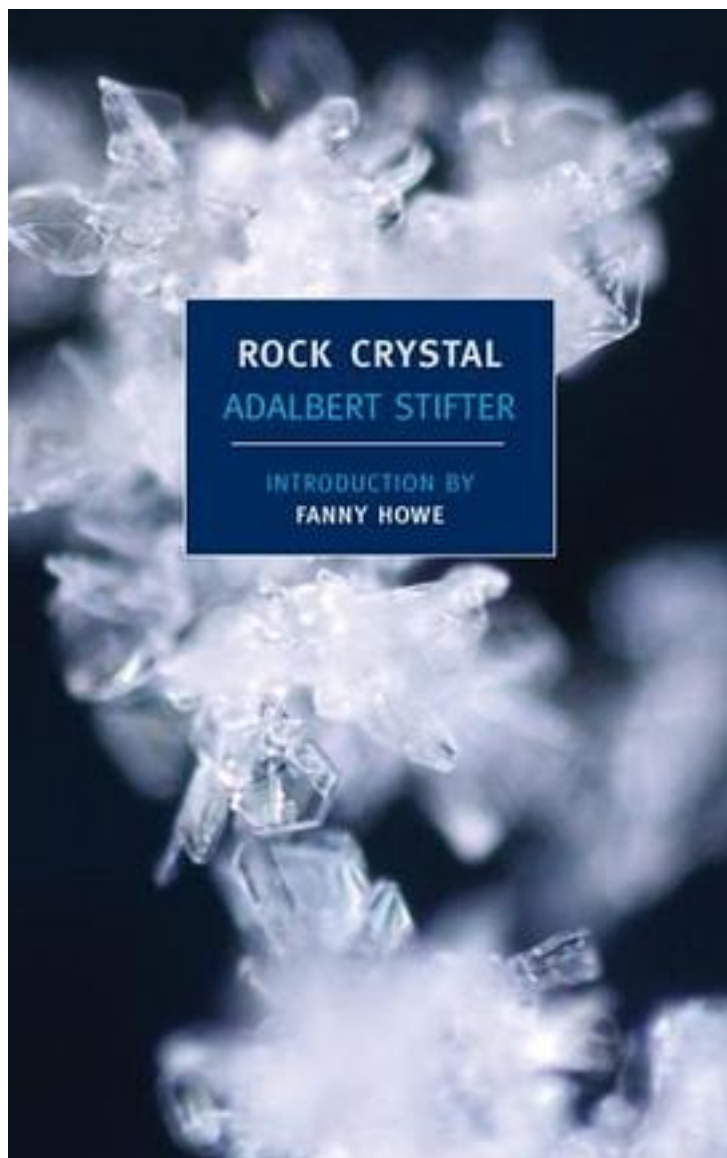


Rock Crystal



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Seemingly the simplest of stories—a passing anecdote of village life— Rock Crystal opens up into a tale of almost unendurable suspense. This jewel-like novella by the writer that Thomas Mann praised as "one of the most extraordinary, the most enigmatic, the most secretly daring and the most strangely gripping narrators in world literature" is among the most unusual, moving, and memorable of Christmas stories. Two children—Conrad and his little sister, Sanna—set out from their village high up in the Alps to visit their grandparents in the neighboring valley. It is the day before Christmas but the weather is mild, though of course night falls early in December and the children are warned not to linger. The grandparents welcome the children with presents and pack them off with kisses. Then snow begins to fall, ever more thickly and steadily. Undaunted, the children press on, only to take a wrong turn. The snow rises higher and higher, time passes: it is deep night when the sky clears and Conrad and Sanna discover themselves out on a glacier, terrifying and beautiful, the heart of the void. Adalbert Stifter's rapt and enigmatic tale, beautifully translated by Elizabeth Mayer and Marianne Moore, explores what can be found between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day—or on any night of the year.

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评论

一个故事情节非常简单的乡村儿童故事（童话一般），但是无比优美。作者Adalbert Stifter被托马斯曼和阿伦特赞誉为最迷人最独一无二的作家。他写这么纯美的作品，却因为自己的小说不受重视而割喉自杀——也许一切极致都有极致的代价！奥登为本书写序，介绍这个故事独特的写作结构。玛丽安娜摩尔和Elizabeth Mayer是它的译者，后者是歌德的英译者——瞧瞧这个阵容！这本书的英译语言实在太美，英语诗歌语言最讲究的诗人的着力译作，看似讲述的只是简单的儿童故事，实际把语言在最纯净的状态中发挥到了完美的极致，每个词每个句子都让人屏息。

真好

A Christmas tale in the mountainous rural region of Habsburg land

优美迷人的童话故事。但是是个圣诞节故事，有点让人PTSD。。。

A good read before Christmas

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