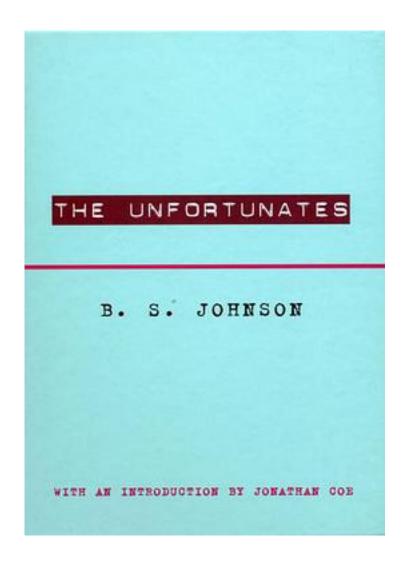
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B.S. Johnson's lost classic has been showered with praise: New York Magazine named

The Unfortunates one of their Ten Best Books of 2008, listed in The New York Times 100 Notable Books of 2008, and The Los Angeles Times declared it to be "his most daring work." A legendary 1960s experiment in form, The Unfortunates is B. S. Johnson's famous "book in a box," in which the chapters are presented unbound, to be read in any order the reader chooses. A sportswriter, sent to a Midlands town on a weekly assignment, finds himself confronted by ghosts from the past when he disembarks at the train station. Memories of one of his best, most trusted friends, a tragically young victim of cancer, begin to flood through his mind as he attempts to go about the routine business of reporting a soccer match. The Unfortunates is a book of passionate honesty and dark, courageous humor: a meditation on death and a celebration of friendship which also offers a remarkably frank self-portrait of its author.

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评论

BBC 3的drama, featuring Martin Freeman, 还有6天的online listening有兴趣的快去听。

这个形式很惊艳,然而内容太一般(对病逝朋友和对背叛自己的女友的回忆)。可能是为了方便理解所以内容特意简化,但这样实验性就大打折扣。如果不同的阅读顺序能导致不同的情节理解,则会有趣得多。但回忆的确很适合用这种不确定的乱序形式来呈现。书壳内部不显眼的地方印有贝克特的句子

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书评

The unfortunates是一本实验性的小说,书中共27章节,除了第一章与最后一章之外,其余25章,从一段到12页不等,读者可以任意排序阅读。此书是一部主人公通过回忆冥想死亡与友谊的作品,同时也被誉为六十年代的佳作。

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