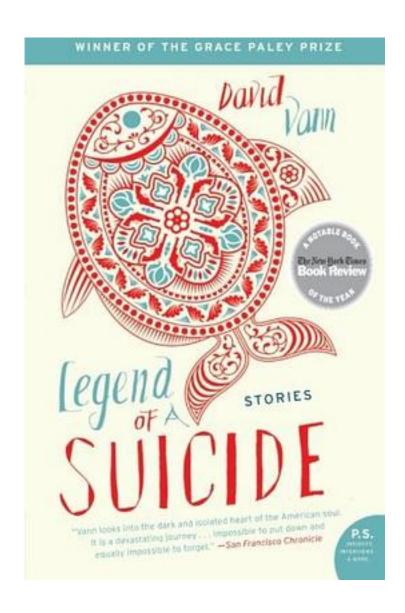
# Legend of a Suicide



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In "Ichthyology," a young boy watches his father spiral from divorce to suicide. The story is told obliquely, often through the boy's observations of his tropical fish, yet also reveals his father's last desperate moves, including quitting dentistry for commercial fishing in the Bering Sea. "Rhoda" goes back to the beginning of the father's second marriage and the boy's fascination with his stepmother, who has one partially closed eye. This eye becomes a metaphor for the adult world the boy can't yet see into, including sexuality and despair, which feel like the key initiating elements of the father's eventual suicide. "A Legend of Good Men" tells the story of the boy's life with his mother after his father's death through the series of men she dates. In "Sukkwan Island," an extraordinary novella, the father invites the boy home-steading for a year on a remote island in the southeastern Alaskan wilderness. As the situation spins out of control, the son witnesses his father's despair and takes matters into his own hands. In "Ketchikan," the boy is now thirty years old, searching for the origin of ruin. He tracks down Gloria, the woman his father first cheated with, and is left with the sense of "a world held in place, as it turned out, by nothing at all." Set in Fairbanks, where the author's father actually killed himself, "The Higher Blue" provides an epilogue to the collection.

#### 作者介绍:

大卫·范恩,1966年生于阿拉斯加阿留申群岛,成长于凯奇坎岛,毕业于斯坦福大学英文系,并获得康奈尔大学创意写作硕士。他的第一部小说《一个自杀者的传说》由于没有文学经纪人愿意向出版社推荐而被搁置十二年。在此期间为了生活,他当了八年船长,还做过造船工作。最后他参加了格蕾丝·佩莱短篇小说奖并获奖,该书才于2007年由参与主办该奖项的马萨诸塞大学出版社出版。2010年,哈珀-柯林斯出版社再版该书,获得巨大成功,在国际上获得十多个文

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。 在《一个自杀者的传说》之后,大卫・范恩又相继出版《驯鹿岛》、《尘土》和《公羊山》三部长篇小说。此外,他还出版了回忆录《下沉一英里》和反思美国校园枪击案的纪实作品《人间末日》。大卫・范恩曾执教斯坦福大学、康奈尔大学、佛罗里达州立大学和旧金山大学,目前是英国华威大学创意写作教授。

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### 书评

"我真是太幸运了" "我真是太幸运了,北京的天气这么好,天这么蓝,冬天刚刚过去……谢谢你索马里,给我们安排了这一切,难以想象在中国我能和你们这样讨论美国文学……我真是太幸运了。你也安排了蒙古人到箭扣长城跟我们会和作战吗?" 坐在去往箭扣长城的帕萨特里,David V...

文=索马里 大卫・范恩(David

Vann)花了二十年接受父亲的死。在29岁完成故事集Legend Of The Suicide(中文版译为《一个自杀者的传说》)之前,那个两度离异的爱好枪支的被抑 郁症折磨的略带种族主义的父亲,一度也预言了他生活里最顽固的梦魇: 热爱枪支、迷 恋暴力、失眠,...

要说阅读大卫·范恩有什么指南,那就是先准备一把剪刀,最好还要一块黑布,蒙住眼睛,然后利落的裁下书尾的作家访谈,这样才能更欢快的进入真正的阿拉斯加终极自杀 之旅。

但是我们都知道,蒙着眼睛旅行是会见血的,在很长一段时间内,大卫范恩失掉了双眼 ,父亲自杀事件如一...

The story is very original and I can see the author is very talent. We can read it as a collection of short stories or a full novel. It presents different approaches to understand the tragedy of human being. The author develops the story in a very unique s...

大卫·范恩在这本短篇集的开头一篇这样写道,"那天晚上,我们一起看着彩虹鲨盲目地撞向鱼缸的四壁,等待它死去"。一条自杀的鱼,绝望而美丽。但更多时候并非如此。更多时候,我们下班回家打开门面对一个空荡荡的鱼缸,和一个干瘪腥臭的鱼尸。它们的鳞片失去光芒,眼神空洞...

漫漫人生之涯,偶尔会有"不早不晚刚到遇到一个人说一声好"这种侥幸之言,太多的光阴却像是在荒漠中度过。日常所遇之人、事、物,常能激起心怀不平者的愤慨,习惯了在各种语言的咒骂言词中辗转,内心深沉的那块弹丸之地,却不时有杀人或者自杀的念头。也许事后浮起自卑、自责...

"也许我们对父亲从来都不够大度。毕竟,要成为一个父亲对那个生物而言太沉重了。 我猜,这听起来有点苦涩,但我并不是这个初衷;很多次我父亲极度清晰地向我展示了 我日后会变成的模样,当然,即便这不总是祝福,但也算是某种礼物" 最后一篇《飞上青天》的末尾作者写了这...

五个短篇和一个中篇的奇怪组合,也是真实的组合。这本书源于自杀者的不能确定的故事,自杀的不能确定的原因,以及作者对这些的一次次地思考。每一个故事都不是定论,于是读完全篇有一种真实和虚幻交织的感觉。很多地方是没有亲身经历的人写不出的东西,阿拉斯加的环境,捕鱼狩...

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