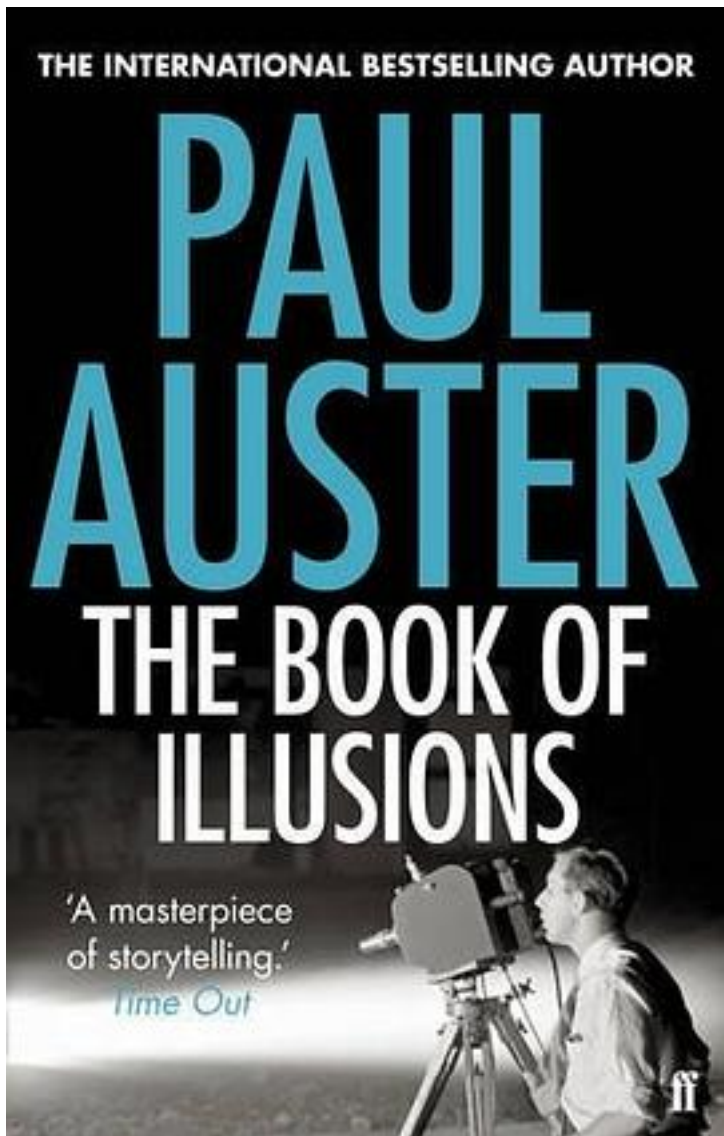


# The Book of Illusions



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One man's obsession with the mysterious life of a silent film star takes him on a journey into a shadow-world of lies, illusions, and unexpected love. After losing his wife and young sons in a plane crash, Vermont professor David Zimmer spends his waking hours mired in grief. Then, watching television one night, he stumbles upon a lost film by silent comedian Hector Mann, and remembers how to laugh ...Mann was a comic genius, in trademark white suit and fluttering black moustache. But one morning in 1929 he walked out of his house and was never heard from again. Zimmer's obsession with Mann drives him to publish a study of his work; whereupon he receives a letter postmarked New Mexico, supposedly written by Mann's wife, and inviting him to visit the great Mann himself. Can Hector Mann be alive? Zimmer cannot decide - until a strange woman appears on his doorstep and makes the decision for him, changing his life forever. Written with breath-taking urgency and precision, this stunning novel plunges the reader into a universe in which the comic and the tragic, the real and the imagined, the violent and the tender dissolve into one another.

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其实我觉得。。。保罗·奥斯特讲故事的能力是不是被夸大了。。。

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The monotonous rambling and incredulity of plot design makes this novel melodramatic and ridiculous, but I do like the quote from Chateaubriand-"Les moments de crise produisent un redoublement de vie chez les hommes." The book turns into nothingness which is the same pattern for almost every novel he has written so far.

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难怪，这是一个拥有电影人身份的作家啊，读来就是一种 " 我的世界里有他的世界里的他的世界里的精彩 "。人生一切，推倒重来，经历的一定还是原来的荒谬。

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