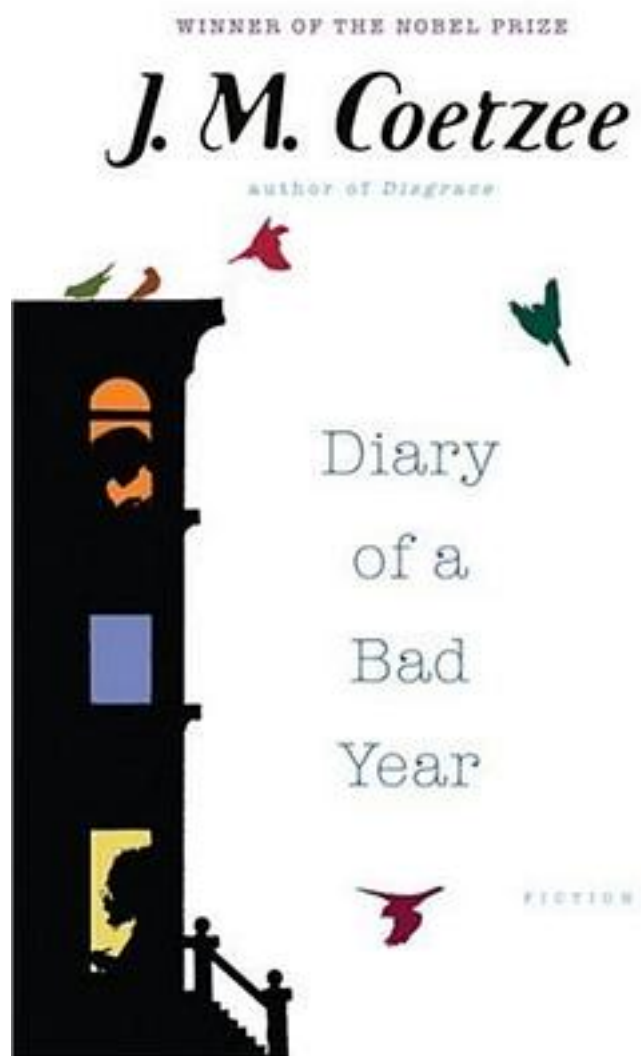


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An utterly contemporary and deeply thought-provoking novel which addresses the profound unease of countless people in modern democracies around the world.

An eminent, seventy-two-year-old Australian writer is invited to contribute to a book entitled Strong Opinions. It is a chance to air some urgent concerns. He writes short essays on the origins of the state, on Machiavelli, on anarchism, on Al-Qaida, on intelligent design, on music. What, he asks, is the origin of the state and the nature of the relationship between citizen and state? How should the citizen of a modern democracy react to the state's willingness to set aside moral considerations and civil liberties in its war on terror, a war that includes the use of torture? How does the state handle outsiders?

In the laundry-room of his apartment block he encounters an alluring young woman. When he discovers she is between jobs he claims failing eyesight and offers her work typing up his manuscript. Anya has no interest in politics but the job provides a distraction, as does the writer's evident and not unwelcome attraction toward her.

Her boyfriend, Alan, an investment consultant who understands the world in harsh neo-liberal economic terms, has reservations about his trophy girlfriend spending time with this 1960s throwback. Taking a lively interest in his affairs, Alan begins to formulate a plan.

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enjoyed it. essay part is enlightening; story part a bit cheesy. 第二部分算soft opinion吗？内容重要还是voice重要？（最后Juan的voice渐渐消失了）西方文学似乎还是很待见俄国经典的，并没有因为意识形态的不同而对俄国文学说不。不晓得在这个新冷战时期（or is it），对俄国的当代文化西方又是什么态度呢？

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