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Review

"A single vision encompasses these people in all their self-contradictions, betrayals, nobility, bewilderment... every pattern leads out into a larger atmosphere of mercy and wonder." —*Margaret Avison*

"The story poses in opposition disinterested love and practical use and teaches how 'love' must be flawed by 'use,' and how love must be preserved in a world set to destroy it." —*Commonwealth*

"Literature I highly recommend it for middle school children, but I would recommend parents read it too, so they can talk about it with the young readers, can explain how things once were with people and pets - and sometimes still are." —*Library Thing*

About the Author

Morley Callaghan was the author of 15 novels, including *The Loved and the Lost*, *Its Never Over*, *Strange Fugitive*, and *Such Is My Beloved*, the classic memoir *That Summer in Paris*, and his stories are anthologized in Exile Editions' four-volume set, *The Complete Stories of Morley Callaghan*. Over his 60-year career he also authored many short story collections, a drama, and literary essays and articles. He was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature and received a host of honors in Canada, including the Governor General's Award for Fiction. **Jane Urquhart** is the internationally acclaimed author of seven award-winning novels, three books of poetry and numerous short stories.

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