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From the Inside Flap

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"Drops like a sledgehammer. Emotionally beaten, one leaves it a different person—slightly changed, educated by pain, as Goethe said."--The Nation

"Selby has an unerring instinct for honing our collapse into novels as glittering and as cutting as pure, black, jagged glass."--Saturday Review

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Hubert Selby, Jr. was born in Brooklyn in 1928. *Last Exit to Brooklyn*, his first novel, was originally published in 1964. He has since written five other novels, *The Room*, *The Demon*, *Requiem for a Dream*, and *The Willow Tree*, and a collection of short stories, *Song of the Silent Snow*. Mr. Selby lives in Los Angeles.

About the Author

Hubert Selby Jr. (1928–2004) was a celebrated author of nine novels, including the classic bestseller *Last Exit to Brooklyn*. His other novels include *Requiem for a Dream*, *The Room*, and *The Demon*. Selby's fiction, which was championed by writers such as William S. Burroughs and Allen Ginsberg, was noted for its gritty portrayal of addiction and urban despair, and has influenced generations of authors, artists, and musicians.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Selby died in Los Angeles in 2004.

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