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Editorial Review

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Starred Review It is 1936. War-weary Spanish architect Ignacio Abel travels—from Valencia to France to New York and then, finally, by train into the wooded Hudson Valley—to a lifesaver of an academic job at a small upstate university. And, he hopes, to a reunion with Judith Biely, the American woman with whom he had a passionate extramarital affair in Madrid a year earlier and for whom he has been searching, constantly, since she didn't appear at their usual rendezvous spot in crumbling, war-frantic Madrid. He has escaped the war, it would appear, but he is alone, near broke, and haunted by memories and regrets. His tailored European suits are frayed and out of place. As in *A Manuscript of Ashes* (2008), Molina is interested in the legacy of violence and the messy interplay between the past and the present. Although more traditional in its form than some of his earlier works, this selection covers a lot of ground rather slowly (paying considerable attention to, for example, the bourgeois trappings of Ignacio and his conservative wife, Adela) and tends to circle back repeatedly to key events and images. Readers who persist will be rewarded with a large rough-cut gem of a story that lingers in one's mind. Molina recently won the Jerusalem Prize and the Asturias Prize, and he appears to be finally getting the international attention he deserves. --Brendan Driscoll

Review

"Spellbinding...What distinguishes *In the Night of Time*—what makes it eye-opening new—is its meticulous reconstruction of Spain in 1936, its attention to detail, its fusion of history and imagination, its tension between love's surrender and war's stiff resolve. Let me put it this way: Antonio Muñoz Molina's novel is one of the most eloquent monuments to the Spanish Civil War ever to be raised in fiction." —Marie Arana, *Washington Post*

"Labyrinthine and spellbinding...one of the most eloquent monuments to the Spanish Civil War ever to be raised in fiction." --*The Washington Post*, Best Fiction Books of 2014

"A vast, architectural novel." —NPR.org

"Sweeping, magisterial...An astonishingly vivid narrative that unfolds with hypnotic intensity by means of the constant interweaving of time and memory...*In the Night of Time* is Tolstoyan in its scale, emotional intensity and intellectual honesty." —*The Economist*

"What is remarkable about the book, despite the emphasis on the private and the shadowy, is how much Muñoz Molina manages to say about the world itself and how hypnotic his narrative becomes as he slows down time...He can have his protagonist contemplate his own past in slow and searching tones; he can have him consider his lover's body with mesmeric grace; he can have him ponder his need to escape with urgency; he can have him consider architecture with originality...Muñoz Molina, in all his fiction, has a sense of the past as a living force, darting, shifting, haunting, impossible to pin down...In *In the Night of Time* he brings this perception further, allowing the most private inner moments to have greater importance than the war outside, and he approaches character with even greater tenderness, allowing for every type of weakness." —Colm Toibin, *New York Review of Books*

"An epic...Molina's cogent examination of war on a scale both large and small reaffirms his place as a giant of Europe's literary scene, well-worth being discovered by American readers." —*The Daily Beast*

"A story of love, violence, and politics...[*In the Night of Time*] echoes Molina's earlier works, including the much-praised *A Manuscript of Ashes*." —*The New Yorker*

"Epic...*In the Night of Time* gives its subject the space it deserves and renders it vibrantly with intoxicating prose." —*Entertainment Weekly*

"A fascinating read." —*Typographical Era*

"A sweeping, mesmerizing tale that weaves seamlessly between Spain and America, present and past, personal and political." —*Bustle.com*

"Superb...A simple love story at one level, a broad portrait of a nation in flames at another, and a masterwork through and through." —*Kirkus* (starred review)

"A *War and Peace* for the Spanish Civil War, this classically sweeping novel from Molina (*A Manuscript of Ashes*) follows a large cast of characters, intermingling real and fictional figures, through times of both peaceful routine and grotesque violence." —*Publishers Weekly*

"A large rough-cut gem of a story that lingers in one's mind. [Molina] appears to be finally getting the international attention he deserves." —*Booklist* (starred review)

"Antonio Munoz Molina's *In The Night of Time* is a sweeping love story enveloped by the horrors of the Spanish Civil War...In this monumental book, Molina has described with brutal honesty the atrocities committed on both sides of the war." — *Charleston Post and Courier*

From the Inside Flap

October 1936. Spanish architect Ignacio Abel arrives at Penn Station, the final stop on his journey from war-torn Madrid, where he has left behind his wife and children, abandoning them to uncertainty. Crossing the fragile borders of Europe, he reflects on months of fratricidal conflict in his embattled country, his own transformation from a bricklayer's son to a respected bourgeois husband and professional, and the all-consuming love affair with an American woman that forever alters his life.

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Catherine Scott:

A lot of people always spent their free time to vacation or maybe go to the outside with them family members or their friend. Are you aware? Many a lot of people spent that they free time just watching TV, or even playing video games all day long. If you want to try to find a new activity that's look different you can read a book. It is really fun for you. If you enjoy the book that you simply read you can spent the entire day to reading a publication. The book In the Night of Time it is extremely good to read. There are a lot of people who recommended this book. These folks were enjoying reading this book. In the event you did not have enough space to deliver this book you can buy the actual e-book. You can m0ore easily to read this book from the smart phone. The price is not very costly but this book features high quality.

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Alice Concannon:

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