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About the Author

J.G. Ballard is the author of numerous books, including *Empire of the Sun*, the underground classic *Crash*, and *The Kindness of Women*. He is revered as one of the most important writers of fiction to address the consequences of twentieth-century technology. His latest book is *Super-Cannes*. He died in 2009.

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