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About the Author
**Edmund de Waal** is one of the world's leading ceramic artists, and his porcelain is held in many major international collections. His bestselling memoir, *The Hare with Amber Eyes*, was shortlisted for numerous prizes and won the Costa Biography Award and the RSL Ondaatje Prize.

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"**Absorbing** . . . In this book about people who defined themselves by the objects they owned, de Waal demonstrates that human stories are more powerful than even the greatest works of art." ?*Adam Kirsch, The New Republic*

"At one level [Edmund de Waal] writes in vivid detail of how the fortunes were used to establish the Ephrussis' lavish lives and high positions . . . And, as Jews, of their vulnerability: the Paris family shaken by turn-of-the-century anti-Semitism surging out of the Dreyfus affair; the Vienna branch utterly destroyed in Hitler's 1937 Anschluss . . . At a deeper level, though, *Hare* is about something more, just as Marcel Proust's masterpiece was about something more than the trappings of high society. As with *Remembrance of Things Past*, it uses the grandeur to light up interior matters: aspirations, passions, their passing; all in a duel, and a duet, of elegy and irony." ?*Richard Eder, The Boston Sunday Globe*

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"**The book not only of the year, but of the decade**." ?*Michael Howard, The Times Literary Supplement*

"**Elegant. Modest. Tragic. Homeric**." ?*Stephen Frears, The Guardian*

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