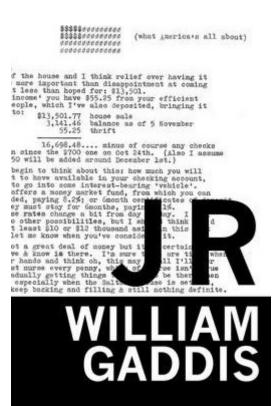
[PDF] Read JR Full Book by William Gaddis



Book details:

Author: William Gaddis Format: 726 pages Dimensions: 140 x 212mm Publication date: 07 Feb 2012 Publisher: Dalkey Archive Press Release location: Normal, IL, United States Language: English



Plot:

A great masterpiece by William Gaddis, with a new introduction by Rick Moody.

Winner of the 1976 National Book Award, J R is a biting satire about the many ways in which capitalism twists the American spirit into something more dangerous, yet pervasive and unassailable. At the center of the novel is a hilarious eleven year old--J R--who with boyish enthusiasm turns a few basic lessons in capitalist principles, coupled with a young boy's lack of conscience, into a massive and exploitative paper empire. The result is one of the funniest and most disturbing stories ever told about the corruption of the American dream.

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About William Gaddis

William Gaddis (1922-1998) stands among the greatest American writers of the twentieth century. The winner of two National Book Awards, as well as a MacArthur Genius Award, a Lannan Lifetime Achievement Award, and grants from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, he wrote five novels during his lifetime. He is loved and admired for his stylistic innovations, his unforgettable characters, his pervasive humor, and the breadth of his intellect and vision.

Review quote

No other novel I know of catches up so much of contemporary reality, or renders it so exactly, and with such telling detail.--George Stade "New York Times Book Review "