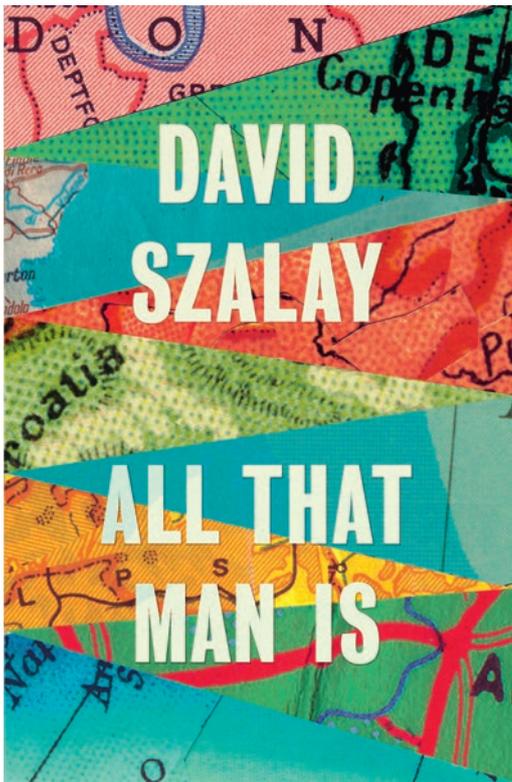


Reader's Guide



Other books by David Szalay
London and the South-East (2008)
The Innocent (2009)
Spring (2011)

All That Man Is David Szalay

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About the author	David Szalay is the author of three previous novels: <i>Spring</i> , <i>The Innocent</i> and <i>London and the South-East</i> , for which he was awarded the Betty Trask and Geoffrey Faber Memorial prizes. Raised in London, he has lived in Canada and Belgium, and is now based in Budapest. In 2013 he was named as one of <i>Granta's</i> Best of Young British Novelists.
About the book	<p>Nine men. Each of them at a different stage of life, each of them away from home, and each of them striving – in the suburbs of Prague, beside a Belgian motorway, in a crap Cypriot hotel – to understand just what it means to be alive, here and now.</p> <p>Tracing an arc from the spring of youth to the winter of old age, <i>All That Man Is</i> brings these separate lives together to show us men as they are – ludicrous and inarticulate, shocking and despicable; vital, pitiable, hilarious, and full of heartfelt longing.</p> <p>As the weather gets colder, and the men get older, the stakes become bewilderingly high.</p>
Discussion points	<p>The protagonists in <i>All That Man Is</i> ascend in age from beginning to end. To what extent are they characterised by their stage of life?</p> <p>All of the protagonists are male. How is this significant to the narrative?</p> <p>How is the act of crossing borders and boundaries significant to the narrative?</p> <p>What is unusual or unique about the novel's structure? How did this affect your reading?</p> <p>What did you take to be the overarching themes of the novel? Is it an optimistic work?</p>
Themed reading	<p>Richard Beard <i>Acts of the Assassins</i> Bret Easton Ellis <i>Less Than Zero</i> Donna Tartt <i>The Secret History</i> Douglas Coupland <i>Generation X</i></p>
Useful links	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/apr/03/all-that-man-is-review-david-szalay-short-story-collection</p> <p>http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/reviews/all-that-man-is-david-szalay-book-review-a-skilful-writer-s-haphazard-look-at-european-males-a6942526.html</p> <p>https://www.ft.com/content/fe2db1c4-f797-11e5-803c-d27c7117d132</p> <p>http://www.theskinny.co.uk/books/book-reviews/all-that-man-is-david-szalay</p>