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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Auster (*Invisible*) is in excellent form for this foray into the tarnished, conflicted soul of Brooklyn. New York native Miles Heller now cleans out foreclosed south Florida homes, but after falling in love with an underage girl and stirring the wrath of her older sister, he flees to Brooklyn and shacks up with a group of artists squatting in the borough's Sunset Park neighborhood. As Miles arrives at the squat, the narrative broadens to take in the lives of Miles's roommates--among them Bing, "the champion of discontent," and Alice, a starving writer--and the unlikely paths that lead them to their squat. Then there's the matter of Miles's estranged father, Morris, who, in trying to save both his marriage and the independent publishing outfit he runs, may find the opportunity to patch things up with Miles. The fractured narrative takes in an impressive swath of life and history--Vietnam, baseball trivia, the WWII coming-home film *The Best Years of Our Lives*--and even if a couple of the perspectives feel weak, Auster's newest is a gratifying departure from the postmodern trickery he's known for, one full of crisp turns of phrase and keen insights. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From [Booklist](#)

Starred Review Passionately literary, Auster nonetheless publishes as frequently as a genre author, writing poetic and brainy feigned procedurals featuring inadvertent outlaws. In his sixteenth novel, four flat-broke twentysomething searchers end up squatting in a funky abandoned house in Sunset Park, a rough Brooklyn neighborhood. Bing, the "sloppy bear" ringleader, plays drums and runs the Hospital for Broken Things, where he mends "relics" from a thriftier past. Melancholy artist Ellen is beset by erotic visions. Grad student Alice is researching pop-culture depictions of postwar sexual relationships. Miles is a fugitive. Poisoned by guilt over his stepbrother's death, he hasn't communicated with his loving father, a heroic independent publisher; his kind English professor stepmother; or his flamboyant actor mother for seven years. Lately he's been in Florida, "trashing out" foreclosed homes, stunned by what evicted people leave behind in anger and despair. Miles returns to New York after things turn dicey over his love affair with a wise-beyond-her-years Cuban American teenager. As always with the entrancing and ambushing Auster, every element is saturated with implication as each wounded, questing character's story illuminates our tragic flaws and profound need for connection, coherence, and beauty. In a time of daunting crises and change, Auster reminds us of lasting things, of love, art, and "the miraculous strangeness of being alive." --Donna Seaman

Review

"Paul Auster is one of those sages with confounding talent--confounding for one because he's simply *that good*... He belongs among Vonnegut, Roth, and DeLillo... Now is the time to herald the Post-Recession Novel. *Sunset Park* looks to be it." ?Claire Howorth, *The Daily Beast*

"Exquisitely crafted, surprisingly tender... A story grounded in the potent emotions of love, loss, regret and vengeance, and the painful reality of current day calamities.... Auster fans and newcomers will find in *Sunset Park* his usual beautifully nuanced prose.... [and] a tremendous crash bang of an ending." ?Jane Ciabattari, *NPR "Books We Like"*

"A swift-moving, character-driven narrative [that] explores guilt, luck, and our enduring need for human contact and a sense of belonging. Powerful...Readers might find their one regret is seeing the book end." ?Doug Childers, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

“A haymaker of a contemporary American novel, realistic and serious as your life.” ?*Jim Higgins, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

“With a plot that encompasses war in the Middle East, economic recession and the perils of the publishing industry, a contemporary vitality distinguishes the latest from the veteran author.... Sure to please Auster fans and likely to attract new readers as well.” ?*Kirkus (Starred Review)*

“Passionately literary... every element is saturated with implication as each wounded, questing character's story illuminates our tragic flaws and profound need for connection, coherence, and beauty. In a time of daunting crises and change, Auster reminds us of lasting things, of love, art, and ‘the miraculous strangeness of being alive.’” ?*Donna Seaman, Booklist (Starred Review)*

“Auster deftly balances minute details that evoke New York City, post-financial meltdown, with marvelously drawn characters bruised but unbowed by life's vicissitudes. He has an impressive array of literary nominations to his credit, but this should be the novel that brings him a broader readership.” ?*Sally Bissell, Library Journal (Starred Review)*

“Auster is in excellent form... a gratifying departure from the postmodern trickery he's known for, one full of crisp turns of phrase and keen insights.” ?*Publishers Weekly*

“*Sunset Park* is sprawling but taut, toweringly ambitious in scope yet wholly intimate in the sphere of its characters' lives. While we still teeter on the brink of recession in an uncertain economic recovery--with millions still out of work and losing their homes--this novel is probably one of the most important literary touchstones of our era. And it's a true pleasure to read.” ?*Jason Bennett, Library Journal*

“A clear-eyed and muscular fable about tough economic times.” ?*Barbara Hoffert, Library Journal (Pre-Pub "My Picks")*

“The latest and arguably most user-friendly among the whip-smart fiction canon of Paul Auster... [A] winning novel... In *Sunset Park*, Auster seems to carry all of humanity inside him.” ?*Jan Stuart, The Boston Globe*

“As remarkable as are Auster's skill and experience, this kind of writing--this kind of ending--takes another, rarer attribute: tremendous courage.” ?*David Takami, The Seattle Times*

“Unexpectedly searing... *Sunset Park*'s prodigal-son tale is somberly poignant, a study of how deeply the urge to connect runs.” ?*Mark Athitakis, Salon.com*

“Classic Auster.” ?*Joseph Peschel, The Kansas City Star*

“Resonate[s] with a warm acknowledgment of the tests and limitations of age and the vibrancy of experience... A lovely ride.” ?*Kate Christensen, Elle*

“Auster has delivered an emotionally appealing book about the varieties of modern love... The son-father story is in fact the warmest line of narrative Auster has ever written, outside of the man and the dog story in his much earlier novel, *Timbuktu*, and it lends the entire novel a certain provident heat.” ?*Alan Cheuse, Dallas News*

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