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About the Author

J.G. Ballard was born in 1930 in Shanghai, where his father was a businessman. After internment in a civilian prison camp, he and his family returned to England in 1946. He published his first novel, *The Drowned World*, in 1961. His 1984 bestseller *Empire of the Sun* won the Guardian Fiction Prize and the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, and was shortlisted for the Booker Prize. It was later filmed by Steven Spielberg. His memoir *Miracles of Life* was published in 2008. J.G. Ballard died in 2009.

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