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About the Author

David Foster Wallace wrote the novels *Infinite Jest*, *The Broom of the System*, and *The Pale King*, and the story collections *Oblivion*, *Brief Interviews with Hideous Men*, and *Girl with Curious Hair*. His nonfiction includes *Consider the Lobster*, *A Supposedly Fun Thing I'll Never Do Again*, *Everything and More*, and *This Is Water*. He died in 2008.

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