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Extreme Metaphors



Synopsis

A startling and at times unsettlingly prescient collection of J. G. Ballard's greatest interviews. J.G. Ballard was a literary giant. Best known for his controversial bestseller *Crash* and the memoir *Empire of the Sun*, he was a writer of unique talent – always surprising, frequently prescient. Such acuity was not exclusive to his novels and, as this book reminds us, Ballard's restive intelligence sharpened itself in dialogue. He entertained many with insights into the world as he saw it, and speculated, often correctly, about its future. Some of these observations earned Ballard an oracular reputation, and continue to yield an uncannily accurate commentary today. *Extreme Metaphors* collects the finest interviews of his career. Conversations with Will Self, Jon Savage, Iain Sinclair and John Gray, and collaborators like David Cronenberg, are a reminder of his wit and humanity, testament to Ballard's profound worldliness as much as his otherworldly imagination. This collection is an indispensable tribute to one of recent history's most original thinkers.

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These interviews, collected for the first time in one book, plumb the depths of an extraordinary mind, one of the 20th and 21st century's most gifted visionaries, J.G. Ballard. This is a treasure for all Ballardians. The editors have done a great service. And what is also great it is not necessary to have read any of Ballard's novels or short stories to enjoy this book, although you owe it to yourself to read any of Ballard's work because it's an education in itself.

Ballard has always been one of my husband's favorite SF writers. This collection of interviews covering over 40 years fascinates him. He tells me that it has really helped him understand how Ballard thought and how he grew as a writer. My husband has not finished it yet, because it so good he does not want to finish it.

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