

# After The Fall: A Novel - Victoria Roberts

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"This is a wonderful, forever book." -George Booth, cartoonist for The New Yorker  
After the Fall introduces us to a brilliantly eccentric family from New York's Upper East Side. Pops, a self-made millionaire, is a mad inventor who gleans his inspiration from popovers and Raquel Welsh. Mother is a fabulously dressed but mercurial socialite from Buenos Aires whose weapon of choice is a croquet mallet. Young Alan, our earnest and studious narrator, and his drama-queen little sister, Alex, love their parents but must turn to their good-natured housekeeper and cook for a better sense of reality. One fateful day, Alan returns home to find that the family has gone bust, not even a penny to be found. The next morning, to the children's surprise, the family wakes up in Central Park along with the entire contents of their penthouse arranged just as before-art, furniture, pugs, and all. Aided by their two loyal housekeepers and fed by the maitre d' from their favorite restaurant, the family makes Central Park into a comfortable and creative home. But soon the strains of life-and the weather, which is getting chilly-threaten to tear apart the parents' marriage. As the holiday season approaches, the children rise to the challenge of bringing their family back together. With more than two hundred drawings and featuring kimono-clad squirrels and a visit by a Yeti, this delicious tale is a love letter to family, creativity, and New York.  
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