

# Dancing Lessons For The Advanced In Age - Bohumil Hrabal

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Rake, drunkard, aesthete, gossip, raconteur extraordinaire: the narrator of Bohumil Hrabals rambling, rambunctious masterpiece *Dancing Lessons for the Advanced in Age* is all these and more. Speaking to a group of sunbathing women who remind him of lovers past, this elderly rou tells the story of his life or at least unburdens himself of a lifetimes worth of stories. Thus we learn of amatory conquests (and humiliations), of scandals both private and public, of military adventures and domestic feuds, of what things were like in the days of the monarchy and how theyve changed since. As the book tumbles restlessly forward, and the comic tone takes on darker shadings, we realize we are listening to a man talking as much out of desperation as from exuberance. Hrabal, one of the great Czech writers of the twentieth century, as well as an inveterate haunter of Pragues pubs and football stadiums, developed a unique method which he termed palavering, whereby characters gab and soliloquize with abandon. Part drunken boast, part soul-rending confession, part metaphysical poem on the nature of love and time, this astonishing novel (which unfolds in a single monumental sentence) shows why he has earned the admiration of such writers as Milan Kundera, John Banville, and Louise Erdrich. Author: Hrabal, Bohumil Publisher: NYRB Classics Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: *Dancing Lessons for the Advanced in Age* Pages: 00000 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2012-04-25 SKU-13/ISBN: 9781590173770 Category: Fiction : Literary Category: Fiction : Classics Category: Literary Criticism : Caribbean & Latin American

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