

Exit Ghost - Philip Roth

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Like Rip Van Winkle returning to his hometown to find that all has changed, Nathan Zuckerman comes back to New York, the city he left eleven years before. Alone on his New England mountain, Zuckerman has been nothing but a writer: no voices, no media, no terrorist threats, no women, no news, no tasks other than his work and the enduring of old age. Walking the streets like a revenant, he quickly makes three connections that explode his carefully protected solitude. One is with a young couple with whom, in a rash moment, he offers to swap homes. They will flee post-9/11 Manhattan for his country refuge, and he will return to city life. But from the time he meets them, Zuckerman also wants to swap his solitude for the erotic challenge of the young woman, Jamie, whose allure draws him back to all that he thought he had left behind: intimacy, the vibrant play of heart and body. The second connection is with a figure from Zuckermans youth, Amy Bellette, companion and muse to Zuckermans first literary hero, E. I. Lonoff. The once irresistible Amy is now an old woman depleted by illness, guarding the memory of that grandly austere American writer who showed Nathan the solitary path to a writing vocation. The third connection is with Lonoffs would-be biographer, a young literary hound who will do and say nearly anything to get to Lonoffs great secret. Suddenly involved, as he never wanted or intended to be involved again, with love, mourning, desire, and animosity, Zuckerman plays out an interior drama of vivid and poignant possibilities. Haunted by Roths earlier work *The Ghost Writer*, *Exit Ghost* is an amazing leap into yet another phase in this great writers insatiable commitment to fiction. Author: Roth, Philip Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: *Exit Ghost* Pages: 00304 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2007-10-01 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780618915477 Category: Fiction : Literary

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