

# Walaschek's Dream - Giovanni Orelli

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Allusive, ironic, and elegiac, Joycean in scope, Walaschek's Dream is an encyclopedic portrait of European culture under Nazism and a singular meditation on the ephemerality of sport and the immortalizing power of art. Giovanni Orelli's docufictional phantasmagoria revisits a lesser-known painting by Paul Klee titled Alphabet I, which features black letters and symbols scrawled over the sports page of a newspaper reporting Switzerland's victory over Nazi Germany in the 1938 Swiss National Cup. This play of coincidences sets the stage for Orelli's encyclopedic portrait of European culture under Nazism, where a motley crew of philosopher-peasants as well as historical luminaries like Arthur Schopenhauer, Vincent van Gogh, Viktor Shklovsky, Marina Tsvetaeva, Klee himself, and the titular footballer Eugene Walaschek all meet at the local tavern and debate the significance of Klee's work. Author: Orelli, Giovanni Publisher: Dalkey Archive Press Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Walaschek's Dream Pages: 00160 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2012-06-25 SKU-13/ISBN: 9781564787569 Category: Fiction : Literary

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