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Editorial Review

Review

“Austin Bunn is a young writer to reckon with, and *The Brink* is everything you want in a story collection: funny, inventive, somehow both expansive and wistful. He whistles through the graveyard beautifully in the face of all manner of ends of the world.” (**Jess Walter**)

“Bunn’s stories are interested in all kinds of extremity, but their attention is subtle and nuanced, the details pitch-perfect. They evoke longing and confusion with tremendous tenderness, like a lantern set at the edge of a dark crevice: the light falls softly and precisely, illuminating mysteries.” (**Leslie Jamison**)

“An impressive debut from a writer with his ear well attuned to the strange, often rough paths we take in search of intimacy in a fractured world. Bunn captures with nuance everything from online gaming to end-time cults, his characters all struggling with the old human problem of solitude.” (**Adam Haslett**)

“Austin Bunn’s stellar debut, *The Brink*, is rich and extremely satisfying. His characters -- an array of memorable voices -- are all perched on thresholds of life-altering change. I began marking passages I wanted to return to, marveling at the precise language and fresh vision, only to discover I was marking every page. *The Brink* is an extraordinary collection.” (**Jill McCorkle**)

“Hooray for this brazen, poignant debut. Austin Bunn brings us to terrifying places, and also to funny and wondrous ones. He’s got it all -- heart, danger, precision and music.” (**Sam Lipsyte**)

“Bunn’s debut story collection mixes genres and styles in ten ambitious, impressive tales. . . . Compelling. . . . Several of the stories are breathtaking.” (**Publishers Weekly (starred review)**)

“A wide-ranging collection. . . . Bunn’s compelling stories are at their best when navigating chaotic landscapes, whether emotional or literal.” (**Kirkus**)

“A shimmering debut. . . . Humorous and affirming. . . . Each of Bunn’s stories is permeated by a comic sense of the inevitable hope in a future even his characters know is unlikely.” (**Booklist**)

“Innovative, emotional and well-crafted...a fast-paced, slim, engrossing collection.... I’m excited to read whatever comes next from him.” (**Lambda Literary Review**)

“Austin Bunn’s debut is an impressively taut work, delving into a variety of topics, including Cold War anxiety and childhood politics. It’s a remarkably well-made and well-assembled collection.” (**Vol. 1 Brooklyn**)

From the Back Cover

Brimming with life and extraordinary range, Austin Bunn's dazzling collection explores what happens at "the end" and afterward.

About the Author

Austin Bunn is a fiction writer, playwright, screenwriter, and former journalist. His writing has appeared in *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Zoetrope*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Wired*, *Best American Science and Nature Writing*, *The Pushcart Prize*, and elsewhere. He cowrote the screenplay to *Kill Your Darlings* (Sony Pictures Classics), starring Daniel Radcliffe, Dane DeHaan, and Michael C. Hall, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival. He is a graduate of Yale University and the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop, and a recipient of a Michener-Copernicus Fellowship. Currently, he teaches at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

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