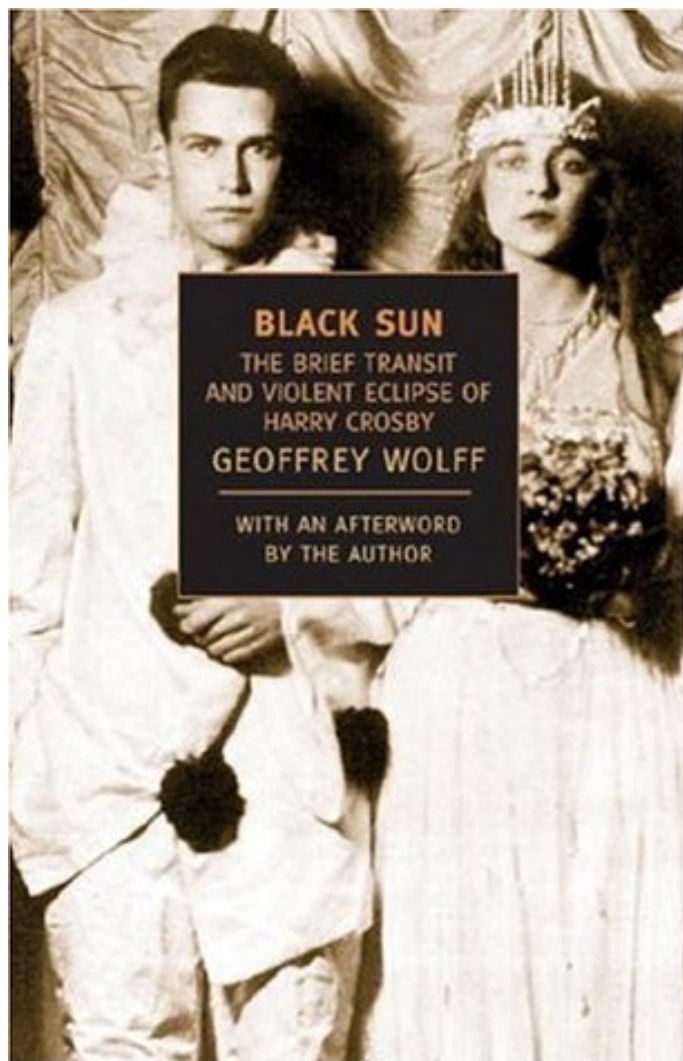

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Description

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Harry Crosby was the godson of J. P. Morgan and a friend of Ernest Hemingway. Living in Paris in the twenties and directing the Black Sun Press, which published James Joyce among others, Crosby was at the center of the wild life of the lost generation. Drugs, drink, sex, gambling, the deliberate derangement of the senses in the pursuit of transcendent revelation: these were Crosby's pastimes until 1929, when he shot his girlfriend, the recent bride of another man, and then himself.

Black Sun is novelist and master biographer Geoffrey Wolff's subtle and striking picture of a man who killed himself to make his life a work of art.

Insightful reviews

Chris: After 5 years, finally finished it! Pretty good read. Nice perspective on ex pats in Paris in the 20s, if you're into that thing. Interesting meditations on suicide. Wolff does a nice job of making Harry Crosby's otherwise forgotten existence to life.

Xan Asher: Anyone reading this is going to be left with the feeling (hell, I was anyway) of wondering just what made Harry Crosby tick. Possibly (!) madness. Great portrait of a generation post WW1, Paris in the twenties, and an all-round ultimately homicidal fascinating character. His wife had an amazing post-Harry life; Lisa St. Aubin de Teran wrote a novel based on him, *Black Idol*. For anyone who enjoys biographies about the quirkier unsung names.

Ross: My one issue with the book is that Harry Crosby is an asshole, which is not the author's fault. But well-written, and interesting, and Wolff is very wary of any cliched approach, either to the form of biography or to the Lost Generation history.

KJP: I learn this in collage and loved it

Cate: This one will take a seat subsequent to Edie: American lady while i am done. cannot placed it down...

Newengland: Stellar writing on Wolff's part, notwithstanding you'll want to tolerate the topic simply because he is a little bit an ass. it is the outdated setting apart artwork from artist thing, merely during this case, isolating biography from subject. loved most sensible the atmosphere (20s Paris, for the main part) and the solid of characters (lots of misplaced new release folk, to whom i think an affinity of sorts).

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