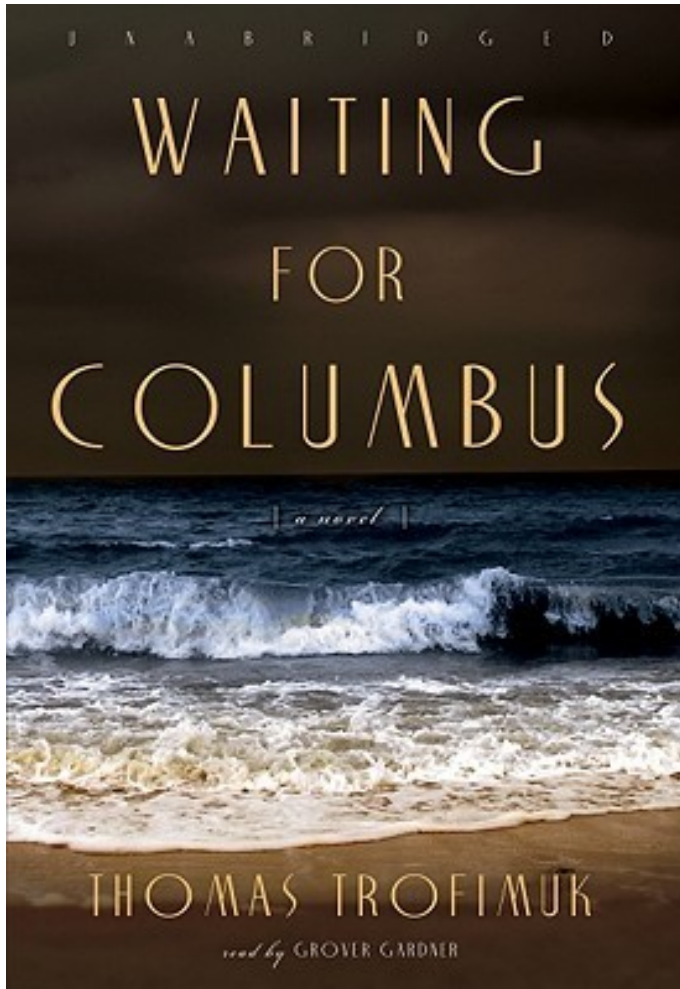

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Description

A man arrives at an insane asylum in contemporary Sevilla, Spain claiming to be the legendary navigator Christopher Columbus. Who he really is, and the events that lead him to break with reality, lie at the center of this stunning, page-turning, and engrossing novel.

Insightful reviews

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Recommended for: fans of historical fiction/romance

When I started reading this book it immediately caught hold of my attention and just wouldn't let it go at all! This book was extremely addictive I just wouldn't put the book down. This is the first book that I have read by this author and it really showed how amazingly talented the writer is. This book is set in an insane asylum (which is what first drew me into this book), where there is a man who is claiming that he is Christopher Columbus, and is taken care by a caring nurse called Consuela. It is a very intriguing book to read and it is very easy to get wrapped up to it as you hear 'Christopher Columbus' telling his life story, you look forward to reading more of what he believes is happening in his life. It shows a nice caring side of the nurses that worked in insane asylum at that time.

All of the characters are very vividly described and they make the book all that bit more exciting and realistic. The author has done an amazing job in describing the characters, the setting in such a way that it makes the reader feel like you are actually there. I also loved how the author manages to tie up all of the loose ends so that it nicely finishes the book. The character of Consuela was my favourite one I found her easy to get along with and easy to read about, she was a character that could easily have been a real person, her feelings toward 'Christopher Columbus' are totally believable and relatable. A truly excellent read and one that I could happily read over and over again without getting tired of it.

Melanie: Some of the language in this book is quite poetic. The idea of a man so traumatised that he retreats into a fantasy of being Columbus is very interesting. Unfortunately I do not like the execution of the idea.

Niggles: 1) All that talk of women drove me insane. I understood it was going to lead up to some real-life girlfriend, or wife at some point, but that did not make those little stories less annoying, or more relevant. I felt I was wasting precious time reading those bits.

2) Consuela seemed rather flat to me. I was given a few statements about her here and there and that was it. From those tidbits I really did not feel like I was getting to know her at all. This is what I got: nurse, divorced, sad love life, drinks too much, occasionally reads a book. Please do not tell me someone is evolving; show me.

3) What on earth was that Emile guy doing in the story? Yes, he found out who Columbus was. To me it seems, however, that this could have been solved in the story in a way that did not necessitate the introduction of yet another flat character.

4) The writer can not decide between soft and quite crude language when he talks about

lovemaking. Perhaps this is supposed to symbolise the dichotomy of Columbus and the real man who thinks he is Columbus. I just found it irritating. I hate crude language, but this shuttling back and forth did nothing for me either.

5) Unfortunately, I could go on with my list of niggles. I won't, however.

A beautiful idea; a flawed execution. I hate to give this book only two stars. I feel it was on the brink of greatness and did not quite make it. I can't give it three stars. There were times when I struggled to keep on reading. I wanted to love this book, but it did not quite happen. I am very interested to see what the author's next book will be. Perhaps that will be one even I can love.

Everybookhasasoul: It took me a couple of chapters to get into this book but once I did I was hooked onto every word. I found myself wanting to know more about this Christopher Columbus character and who he really is.

The novel was very well written and I loved the way the novel contained elements from both modern age Spain and the 15th century. However I felt that the book was all over the place and didn't really feel the novel fitted into real life where it be in the mental asylum or modern day Spain.

I didn't like the Interpol investigation I felt it didn't really fit into the plot of the novel and I did feel the only reason it was there was to find out Christopher Columbus real identity.

Overall it was a well written novel but I just didn't feel that certain elements of the plot fitted in with the novel.

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Maija: large disappointment. i may still begin to choose up books not just by way of their attractive covers.

Karen Stock: i'm half approach throug the publication and locate it tricky to read. it sounds as if to be plenty of eloquence and no story, hence far. It started out relatively good, yet now.....YAWN! the reveiws i've got learn make it look like ti is a brilliant book. i could test it again. i will a ebook membership at the e-book besides so will see what others say

Diane: The audio model of this ebook is learn through Grover Gardner who did a superb activity with this novel. At first i used to be unsure what to make of this strange novel. An unknown guy is pulled from the Strait of Gibraltar, and while he wakes up, he reveals himself within the Sevilla Institute for the Mentally Ill. The 12 months is 2005, and the fellow claims to be Christopher Columbus. To his lonely nurse, Consuela Lopez, and the psychiatric staff, the guy who claims to be Christopher Columbus, info tales of his conquests together with stories in regards to the girls he has loved. His tales circulate from the fifteenth century, wealthy in interval info to the current day. fairly frankly, many of the information he studies to the staff, in actual fact appear to be of a guy who has misplaced contact with reality. he's evidently an clever man, and it's not lengthy ahead of nurse Consuela, who listens to his tales of affection and adventure, day after day,

starts off to fall for this secret man. there's a puzzle to piece jointly here, and as a reader you'll likely be wondering, like I did, why is an Interpol agent from France is touring to Spain trying to find a secret man, and attainable assailant--is there a tie?MY suggestions - Boy, can this writer can write. The prose is just beautiful, and for that very reason, I want I had the print model rather than the audio book. do not get me wrong, I loved the audio book, however, the writing is the infrequent type made me want i'll savour a number of the passages many times again. With the audio model it was once additionally tough to differentiate among the various narratives, and there have been instances that I felt I may still simply stop, and take a look at to get the booklet from the library instead. i didn't provide up, as this booklet drew me in, and that i used to be apprehensive to solve the mystery. It used to be a type of books you choose up and do not are looking to placed down till you end the story. i used to be now not ready for the ending, and that i may be considering it for your time i'm sure. looking ahead to Columbus, is a ebook I most likely might have by no means skilled had it no longer been for a couple of superb studies that I had read. This novel is a component mystery, half romance, half intrigue. should you do not brain a a little center wrenching story, which demonstrates simply how fragile the human brain and spirit can be, then i will not think being disenchanted by means of this novel. suggested (4/5 stars....probably might were better for the print version)

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