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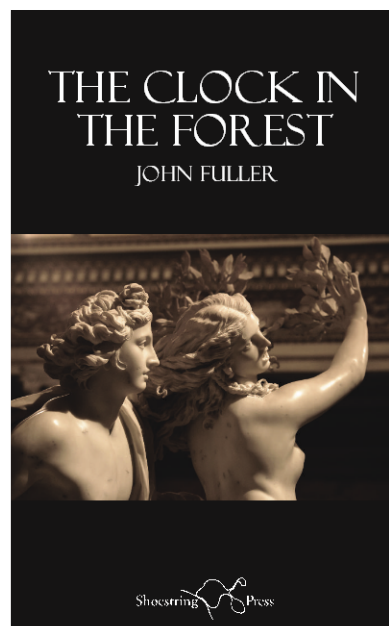
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The Clock in the Forest, John Fuller's first novel since the highly-praised *Flawed Angel* (2005), deliberately places a fictional narrative within an autobiographical framework. Set in 1956, it is a novel about growing up, a comedy of manners in which a nineteen-year old National Serviceman, harbouring ambitions of becoming a poet and film-maker, finds himself involved with the wife and daughter of an ebullient composer/film-maker whom he meets in rural Gloucestershire, and a witness to the composer's entanglements with his pupils and a scandal concerning the man's mad exhibitionist brother-in-law.



At once playful and philosophical, as with all Fuller's fiction, *The Clock in the Forest* combines a readiness to make use of formal inventiveness while never forgetting to tell a story.

Praise for John Fuller's novels

Flying to Nowhere: "Beautifully composed, brief, horrific, a parable about the nature of the flesh and the spirit." – Fay Weldon
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– John Walsh, *Observer*
"Tender, evocative and charming, this novel is also challenging."
– Alan Massie, *The Scotsman*

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Flawed Angel: "A repertory of wonders." – *The Times*
"A delicious treat." – *Guardian*

As well as being an award-winning poet, John Fuller is the author of eight previous novels, including *Flying to Nowhere*, winner of the Whitbread Prize in 1983.