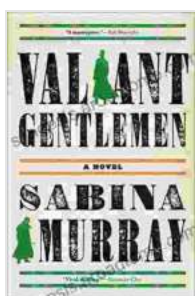


# In Valiant Gentlemen, Sabina Murray Explores The Enduring Legacy of World War II

In her latest novel, Valiant Gentlemen, Sabina Murray examines the lasting impact of World War II on three generations of a family. Against the backdrop of a rapidly changing society, Murray's characters grapple with the war's legacy, both personal and political, and the ways in which it continues to shape their lives.

The novel opens in 1943, with the young Robert Prentice enlisting in the Army Air Corps. Robert is a bright, ambitious young man, eager to prove himself and to serve his country. But the war is a brutal and unforgiving place, and Robert is soon confronted with the harsh realities of combat. He witnesses the death of friends and comrades, and he is forced to kill in order to survive. The war changes Robert, both physically and emotionally, and leaves him with deep psychological scars.



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After the war, Robert returns home to marry his sweetheart, Helen. They start a family and build a life together, but the war is never far from their minds. Robert is haunted by nightmares and flashbacks, and he struggles to adjust to civilian life. Helen, too, is affected by the war. She has lost her father and brother in the fighting, and she is struggling to cope with the grief and loss.

Their son, David, is born in 1952. He is a bright, sensitive child, but he is also burdened by the legacy of the war. He grows up in the shadow of his father's experiences, and he is haunted by the fear that his father will die or that he will be sent to fight in a war of his own.

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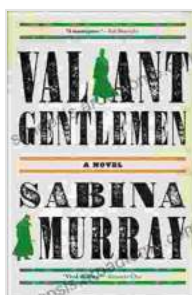
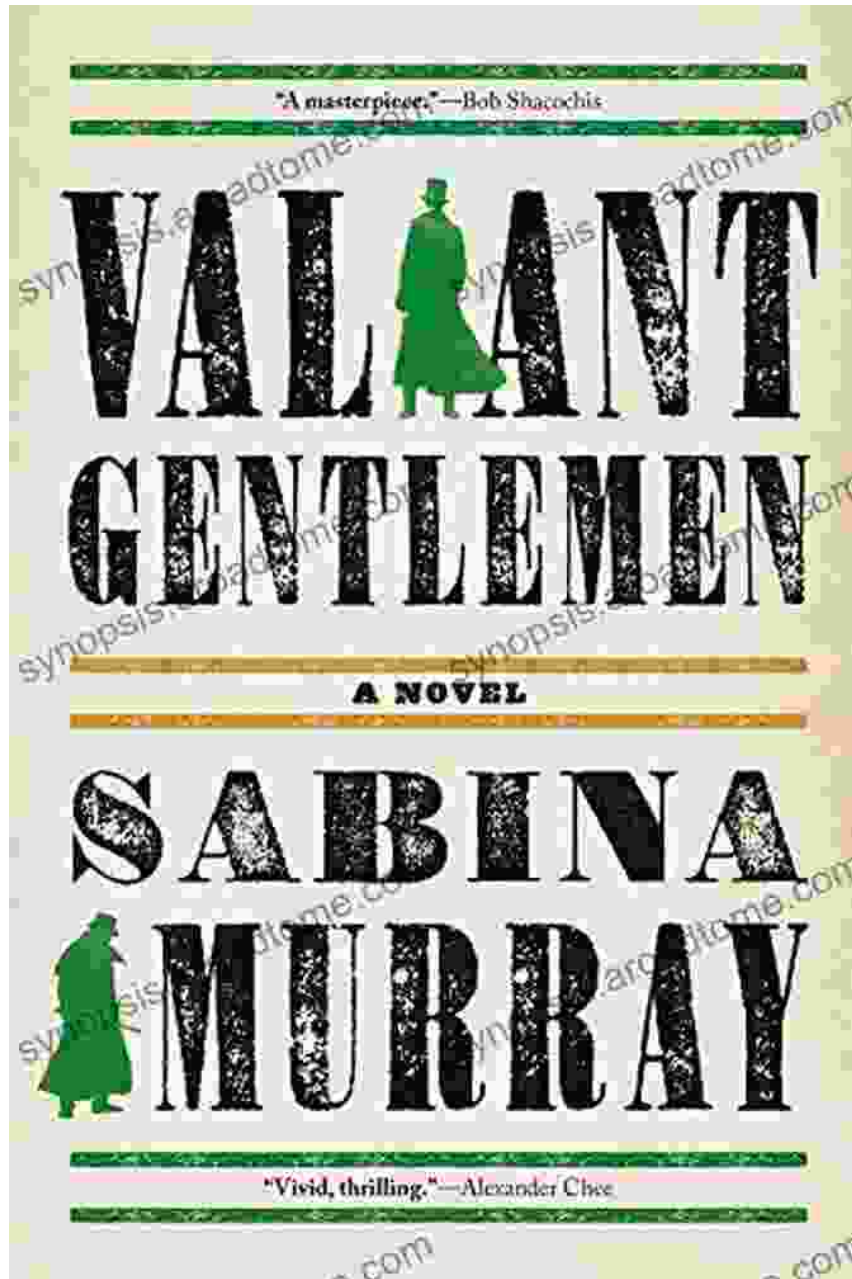
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Sabina Murray is an American writer and professor. She is the author of seven novels, including *Valiant Gentlemen*, *The Caprices*, *A Carnivore's Inquiry*, and *Forgery*. Her work has been translated into over two dozen languages and has won numerous awards, including the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, the Kirkus Prize, the PEN/Faulkner Award, and the Man Booker Prize.

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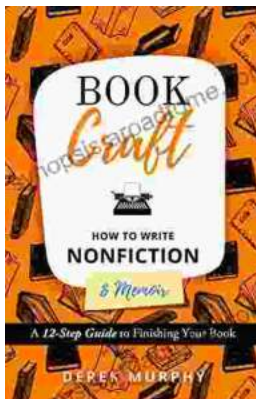
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