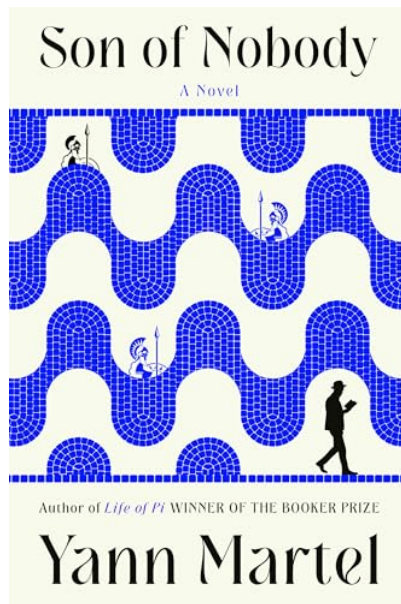


A Closer Look at
Son of Nobody

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From the author of the international bestseller *Life of Pi*, a brilliant retelling of the Trojan War from two commoners: an ancient soldier and a modern scholar. Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey* were not the only ancient tales of the Trojan War. In *Son of Nobody*, Yann Martel composes a new the Psoad, an epic in free verse that follows a goatherd's son, Psoas of Midea, who leaves his wife and family to fight at Troy. Psoas meets his doom and the poem of his life is lost—until a Canadian academic studying at Oxford, Harlow Donne, discovers its relics thirty centuries later. As Harlow assembles and comments on the fragments in footnotes, he retrieves memories of his wife and daughter and grapples... This book effectively balances entertainment with substance, offering a story that is enjoyable without sacrificing depth. The narrative remains engaging while still addressing meaningful ideas that resonate beyond the fictional setting. Such balance makes it a strong choice for readers seeking both enjoyment and insight.