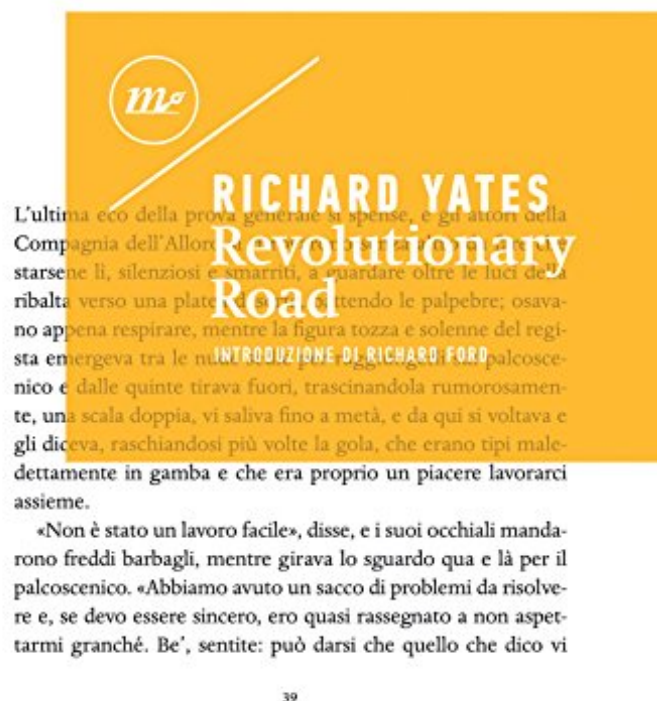


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Von Richard Yates

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besten Bcher, die ich seit langem gelesen habe.

KurzbeschreibungSe nella letteratura americana moderna ci vuole qualcosaltro per fare un capolavoro, non saprei dire cosa: questo il giudizio di Tennessee Williams su *Revolutionary Road*, uno dei classici dimenticati della narrativa americana del secondo Novecento, che minimum fax orgogliosa di riportare nelle librerie italiane dopo pi di trentanni. Frank e April Wheeler sono una coppia middle class dei sobborghi benestanti di New York che coltiva il proprio anticonformismo con velleit ingenua, quasi ignara della sua stessa ipocrisia: nella storia della giovane famiglia felice la tensione nascosta ma crescente, il lieto fine impossibile, ma inevitabile esplosione avviene solo dopo trecento pagine fra le pi intense e penetranti della narrativa americana degli ultimi cinquantanni. La scrittura realistica, cristallina, spietata di Richard Yates ha fatto epoca, ispirando generazioni intere di scrittori e dando vita al realismo sporco di Raymond Carver e Richard Ford (vincitore del premio Pulitzer per *Il giorno dell'indipendenza* e autore dell'introduzione a questa nuova edizione del romanzo).

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