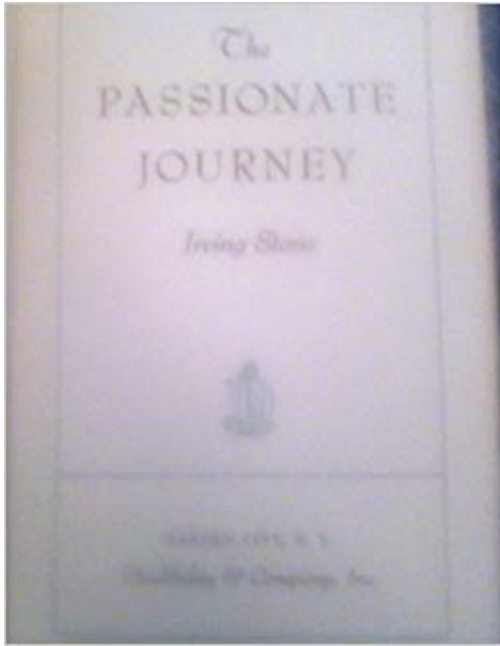


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Lanadrta

-- or is it? Masereel's remarkable little book declines to explain itself.

These 165 expressive woodcuts present snapshots from the life of one man, or so we assume. He's not all that special - he's not a great hero, leader, or lover, though he's each at one point or another. He doesn't rise above or sink below anyone else, except in the usual ways. As with Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man," this book celebrates the ordinary. And, when seen in such detail, the ordinary becomes quite extraordinary.

The book opens with the un-named man's arrival by train. The crowd and surroundings excite him, as does the mechanism of the train itself. Then, he's off to his new life in the city. We see that life in an uneven, even surreal pace. Masereel's vivid, expressive images hopscotch through the years of his life. Sequences of unrelated images seem to compress years into just a few pages. Other times, long sequences examine individual stories in detail - the adoption of a daughter, his happiness in her, and her final illness and death may be the most moving. It's a life-changing event, and sets the anonymous man off on a lengthy voyage, perhaps to lose himself or to find himself again. He returns to the city life, and eventually retires. The imagery changes radically at this point. It suggests Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" and "Starry Night," and also hints at Van Gogh's death.

Or maybe not. The imagery speaks volumes, but speaks a different volume to each viewer - and will probably speak differently to me when I read it again. Although it's an illustrated story, it's not for children. It is for anyone who wants to see the grandparents of today's illustrated fiction, or who appreciates woodcut in itself. This Dover edition is a beautiful reproduction, with richly saturated blacks but paper opaque enough to keep each page from bleeding through. It's easy to enjoy - so go ahead, enjoy it.

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Delagamand

This wordless book had quite a hypnotic effect on me. The pictures have to tell the whole story. For those interested in Graphic Novels - readers and artists alike - it's an amazing example of the genre. The tale is about one man's journey through life and he goes through heaps of things...and he took me right along with him. I pulled it out from my bookshelf recently and had a much deeper appreciation of it the second time around. From the point of view of writing my own graphic novels this is a great reference book. I will keep this one.

Mori

Came on time as advertised. I had this paperback some years ago and misplaced it. Grateful Dover still had it.

This book says so many deep things about anyone's life both the good and the bad that can only properly be said in the way this book does it - without words.

Inerrace

lovely and yet sometimes difficult to look at and ponder the connection of humanity to its environment. thoroughly enjoyed this book

Trash Obsession

Had to read for a class. Searched everywhere for this book, it's so hard to get a physical copy of this book on short notice. Luckily, it was here on Amazon for the kindle and she was very happy about that. :)

It's so easy

Book is wonderful, if it weren't printed backwards.

CopamHuk

Compulsion pulls you through the powerful woodcuts in a few minutes. Each successive reading takes longer as you discover and savor character, plot and craft. Masereel lived by the nitroglycerin theory of rhetoric--the fewer the words, the leaner the lines, the more powerful the message.

Great piece of work. I think things over a hundred years old should be free though.

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