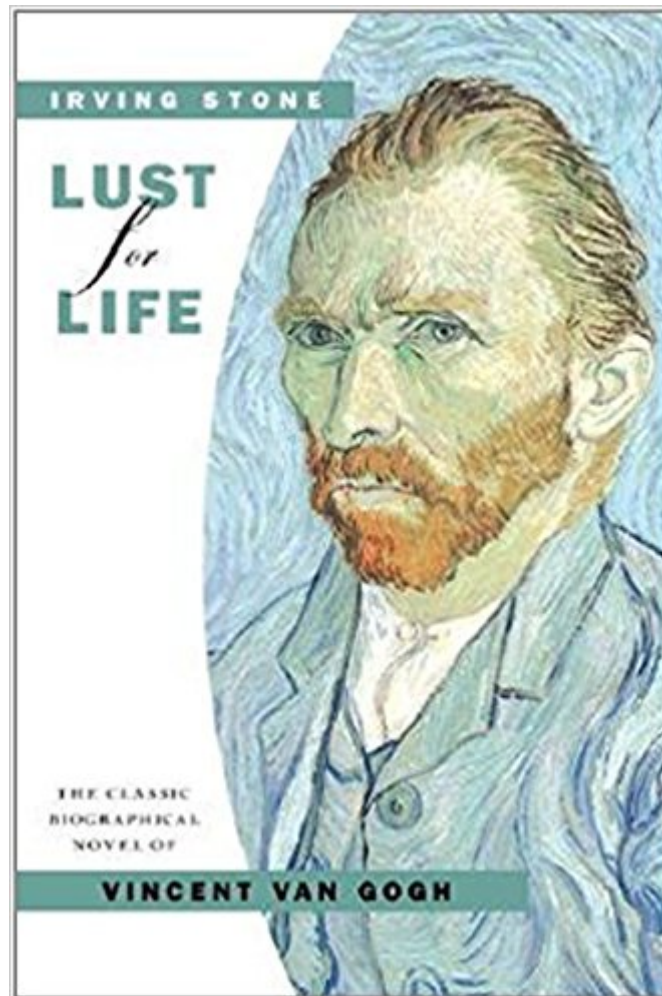




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# Lust For Life



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“A story of excruciating power.” —The New York Times

The classic, bestselling biographical novel of Vincent Van Gogh

Since its initial publication in 1934, Irving Stone’s *Lust for Life* has been a critical success, a multimillion-copy bestseller, and the basis for an Academy Award-winning movie.

The most famous of all of Stone’s novels, it is the story of Vincent Van Gogh—brilliant painter, passionate lover, and alleged madman. Here is his tempestuous story: his dramatic life, his fevered loves for both the highest-born women and the lowest prostitutes, and his paintings—for which he was damned before being proclaimed a genius. The novel takes us from his desperate days in a coal mine in southern Belgium to his dazzling years in the south of France, where he knew the most brilliant artists (and the most depraved whores). Finally, it shows us Van Gogh driven mad, tragic, and triumphant at once. No other novel of a great man’s life has so fascinated the American public for generations.

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poetic and touching portrayal.” —Christian Science Monitor

“Extraordinary! A moving story retold with sensitiveness and insight.” —Forum

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Great book. Inspired me to seek out the great Impressionist painters of that time in history.

very good, but the new biography is more realistic

I believe the author did his best to imagine the story of Vincent as he may have lived it. He used the letters he wrote and received as the basis for the story. It is interesting to be able to read and learn how the artist grew and lived.

Love Vincent Van Gogh. What a wonderfully complex person he was. What an incredible legacy he left behind. All because he suffered so much mental problems. I read every thing on can on VVG ... This novel is long and detailed, believe me you get your moneys worth.

I read this book long ago when I was in art school and something triggered the desire in me to read it again. I am loving it as much now as I did then. It gives some insight into the world that made Van Gogh who he was. The book is written with great understanding of the artist's work and coneccting how that came from the world he knew.

Loved it, love van Gogh so it was a done deal. Great writing, keeps you involved.

Lots of insight about a famous painter was gained by reading this well-written bio.

Inspiring

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