

Chapter 1 : Autumn : Ali Smith :

Winter by Ali Smith 'Winter' is the second volume in the seasons cycle of novels by Ali Smith. It is loosely set at a family gathering in which twenty-something Art (Arthur) visits his mother Sophia Cleves in Cornwall over Christmas.

All across the country, people felt it was the right thing. Smith is well known for taking an elastic approach to words. Here, she extends that courtesy to time itself. Autumn shimmers with wit, melancholy, grief, joy, wisdom, small acts of love and, always, wonder at the seasons. She is too subtle for that, but her work is clearly responsive to social and political issues. Indeed, the fact of the referendum, the emotions it raised, and the sense of ending--or beginning--that accompanied the vote run at times as a litany, lists of hopes or complaints, in a recitation of divisive uncertainty. What is certain is, as the title asserts, that a cycle is unfolding: But the novel has aspects that subvert that fear. The surprises abound in the novel, but the mood is balanced, reflective, mature. The prose styles vary, structure reflecting the hectic turns of public feeling, the abrupt shifts in time and mood. But in inverse proportion to defeat is the great pleasure of the reading. Wheeler, Commonweal "Smith dances across dreamscape, memory, and reality in a novel by turns funny, touching, and fascinating--in terms of character and of history. The rare friendship of an old man and a young girl whose father has vanished and whose mother disappears more than occasionally becomes a vessel for salvation as her life is newly graced with love and with meaning. Old he may be but as she grows toward adulthood, her life infinitely enriched by the years spent with her highly cultured friend, his journey takes him back to the ghosts of his past, forward toward the darkening reality of the present world and of the world beyond. Her fiction, even when it depicts upsetting events, has an Arcadian atmosphere reminiscent of *As You Like It*, as if her characters were wandering through a green glade on a sunny day. Smith has a gift for drawing a reader into whatever world she creates. The relationships and people. Elisabeth Demand is a thirtysomething lecturer in London with a wryly detached view of the modern world. It is the time she spends with year-old former neighbour Daniel Gluck, both in the present and the past, that really hits home--their strange companionship giving Smith the chance to muse on the nature of love, art, life and, well, what the referendum has done to Britain. Smith is at the very peak of her powers. In Autumn time is something the warp and weft of which can be bent on a whim: One of the delights of her work is its down to earth realism. As always Smith is witty. Teem[s] with interesting language, images and ideas. The first serious Brexit novel. At once sardonic and heartbreaking. I can think of few writers--Virginia Woolf is one, James Salter another--so able to propel a narrative through voice alone. Smith feels like a genial guide leading us through a torrent of ideas--about art, history, literature, feminism, memory. In a country apparently divided against itself, a writer such as Smith, who makes you feel known, who seems to speak to your own private weirdnesses, is more valuable than a whole parliament of politicians. I found this book to be unbearably moving in its playful, strange, soulful assessment of what it means to be alive at a somber time. Autumn has a loose structure, almost like that of a prose poem. This form is perfect for Smith, because her mind will go where it wants to go. And where her mind goes, you want to follow. Shrewd and dreamy, serious-but-not-solemn. Spring can really hang you up the most, but for now I am struck by, and stuck on, Autumn. Autumn is another breathless feat. It engages acutely and beautifully with topical concerns and perennial issues. Smith muses on art, literature and memory, plus the transience of life and the horror of Brexit. Some of her meditations are imbued with autumnal tones and textures melancholy, regret, nostalgia ; others are flecked with wit. As ever, Smith regales us with endless wordplay. Eschewing traditional structure and punctuation, the novel charts a wild course through uncertain terrain, an approach that excites and surprises in equal turn. Smith, always one to take risks, sees all of them pay off yet again. This novel of big ideas and small pleasures is enthusiastically recommended. In Britain, Smith has won the Whitbread, the Goldsmiths, and the Costa prizes, and has been shortlisted for the Man Booker three times. American readers ought to be better acquainted with her genius. Smith knows how to tease the glory out of the most plainspoken English. Boty was beautiful and fearless, a free spirit who dabbling in acting and, as Elisabeth sees it, had the rare ability to represent female pleasure and joy on canvas. You can see why Smith thinks of the painter as a kindred spirit. His name is Daniel. Her name is Elisabeth. She comes

to read to, and be with, him. As Elisabeth and Daniel talk, and as Elisabeth processes the events of her life, a world opens. Autumn begins to be about things in addition to friendship. It includes a long and potent detour into the tragic life and powerful painting of the British Pop artist Pauline Boty , whose work, Smith makes plain, should be better known. This is the place to come out and say it: Ali Smith has a beautiful mind. I suspect that this shrewd and dreamy, serious-but-not-solemn novel will be an uncommonly good audiobook, for people who are into that sort of thing. Smith teases out big ideas so slyly and lightly that you can miss how artfully she goes about it. She conveys time almost as if it is happening all at once, like Picasso trying to record an image from every angle simultaneously. There is a conversation that begins mid-paragraph and never ends.

Critically acclaimed author of novels Autumn and Winter, Ali Smith, Booker Prize winner James Kelman and Costa Award-winning Gail Honeyman will all make an appearance.

The potential for readerly woe is plain: Ali Smith begins her seasonal quartet of novels with Autumn, followed by, of course, Winter. She jumps right into them. It was the worst of times, it was the worst of times. Her Autumn and Winter do indeed fall apart; they unravel. They were never tightly constructed in the first place. Autumn and Winter are no more neatly plotted than life itself; like human life, they are constructed of stories. Her intellectual and sentimental education is shaped by Daniel, a vital old man who befriends her as a child and teaches her how to see, deeply and subversively, art and literature. Her love for her old friend metamorphoses from that of a father-hungry child, into unrequited quasi-romantic adolescent devotion, into a mature love no less profound for being unspoken; it ripens as Daniel lies semi-comatose in a nursing home bed. By winter, in Winter, things have finished falling apart. Right at the start, Winter says so: And romance was dead. Poetry, the novel, painting, they all were dead, art was dead. The dead continue in a fabulous list: Of course flowers are dead. Except, says this listmaker, an omniscient who pops in now and then throughout the book: Imagine being haunted by the ghost of a flower. No, imagine being haunted if there were such a thing as being haunted, rather than just neurosis or psychosis by the ghost if there were such a thing as ghosts, rather than just imagination of a flower. Right away, the narrator slyly disclaims any possibility that this is to be a ghost story: And yes, by the ghost of a flower: He tweets to a fairly sizable following. But in a breakup battle royal, his girlfriend destroys his laptop and hacks his Twitter account; her departure severs a good part of his identity. He hires Lux, a young woman he meets at a bus stop, to pose as his freshly ex-girlfriend on his Christmas visit to Sophia. Lux, an immigrant from Croatia by way of Canada, is engaging but rather boilerplate: Iris, nicknamed Ire, rushes to the house to perform what therapists would call an intervention. Let the holidays begin. People the adults drink. Mean and mean-spirited things are said, both laughable and devastating. A revelation not a skeleton-in-closet type secret, more the awkward clunk of a psychological veil falling off brings a gut-shot truce: In the silence, Art: He now knows he never wants to see another Christmas Day again. What he longs for instead, as he sits at the food-strewn table, is winter, winter itself. He wants the essentiality of winter, not this half-season grey selfsameness. He wants real winter where woods are sheathed in snow, trees emphatic with its white, their bareness shining and enhanced because of it. For snow to fill this room and cover everything and everyone in it. For in Winter, in winter, under the force of family dead, living or absent, masks slip on and masks slip off. Memory reveals and conceals the past. Autumn and Winter center on the works of two real-life artists, both of whom are dead. Daniel, who knew Boty, describes one of her works to year-old Elisabeth. What do you think? I like the idea of the blue and the pink together, Elisabeth said. Deep blue pigment, Daniel said. I like that you could maybe touch the pink, if it was made of lace, I mean, and it would feel different from the blue. What does Daniel want? Why would a man more than 70 years old befriend a little girl? No one can answer that, Daniel least of all. Maybe he wants a daughter to teach, or maybe he longs to open the eyes of his long-dead little sister. He must want to relive his love for Boty, an affair no more physical than his relationship with Elisabeth. Both man and girl want and need what we all want and need: As Daniel says on meeting Elisabeth: The lifelong friends, he said. Sometimes we wait a lifetime for them. We all keep flunking Feminism, and we all need to keep taking it, over and over, until we learn it. In Feminist terms, Hepworth was more the exception than the rule, one of the few renowned female artists of her time. Sophia yearns for a clean, featureless beauty, without story, unpeopled, with no possibility of fiction and its cheats. She cares for the human—humans—whether in art or politics. When Art texts her to ask the difference between politics and art, she replies: Art himself is trapped in the middle. Look at you, all mouth and stamen. Look at me, stiff as a stone. What would Freud say about this dream? Smith leaves it to us to imagine what Freud would say: Paradox and puns are not dead. Winter is hard ice and death. Not to say that Autumn holds autumn blameless. Brexit, climate change, Donald Trump and his followers, nuclear saber rattling, hard-hearted immigration policies, pollution: Art versus reality, for that matter. Paradoxically, his

self-awareness, what his ex called narcissism, and his passiveness may give him the means to break free. An exercise in adapting yourself to whatever frozen or molten state it brings you. Or is he eyeing a retreat? Is it a retreat, from the hard issues of our season, to revel in the pleasure of reading passages like this, in Autumn: The days are unexpectedly mild. They made a lovely soft sound. We gave them a box full of straw to nest in but they brought their own twigs and took bits of the straw and wove them together, built nests up in the rafters and only used this room when it was rainy or cold. They mate for life, you know, those birds. Bending and breaking national borders, disastrously vulgar world leaders, narrowing social policies, loudening militancy, expanding deserts, shrinking glaciers—“is it the worst of times, the very worst of times, after which times can only end? Or can the ghost of a flower: Can art light up anything? Do we have to wait for Spring to find out? Where I live, the snow comes down these days as sleet and the dust on my ice skates thickens every year.

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Ali Smith Credit Christian Sinibaldi. Like a symphony after a hiatus, "Winter" is slow to tune up. There are shrieks and squawks. There are dream sequences and bits left hanging.

Smith knits together the present-time narrative and many flashbacks to reveal secrets, ironies, old loves, and the unfolding lives enriched by them. A sprightly, digressive, intriguing fandango on life and time. Smith threads passages of delicately observed natural beauty throughout the ephemera. She often lets the language itself lead her hence her love of puns, and the intricate narrative rolls back and forth smoothly in time. Themes and experiences entangle, making *Winter* a dense, satisfying read. There is forgiveness here, and song, and comic resolution of sorts, but the abiding image is of the tenacity of nature and light. Her many-layered artistry softens rage or sorrow. The entire book is testament to the miraculous powers of the creative arts. Infused with some much needed humour, happiness and hope. But still a sparkler. Leaping, laughing, sad, generous and winter-wise, this is a thing of grace. Structurally, the book is intricate: Smith is a self-consciously aesthetic writer who also has strong political convictions. *Winter* is at its most luminously beautiful when the news fades and merges with recent and ancient history, a reminder that everything is cyclical. *Winter* is a novel in which the cold also reveals clarity. They become piercing and numbing at the same time. It is a book about being wintry in the sense of supercilious and hibernal, in its sense of wanting to shut the world out. The characters have to deal with both impulses, and deal with them in different ways. *Autumn* was short-listed for the Man Booker Prize. Frosty wind, earth as iron, water as stone, so the old song goes. When four people, strangers and family, converge on a fifteen-bedroom house in Cornwall for Christmas, will there be enough room for everyone? It makes things visible. Rakes, spades, forks, a garden roller, a wall of stepladders, a tin bath full of bags of compost. Calor gas bottles, saucepans, frying pans, mopheads, charcoal, folding stools made of wood, a plastic bucket of plungers, stacked packs of sandpaper, sacks of sand in a wheelbarrow, metal doormats, axes, hammers, a camping stove or two, hessian carpet mats, stuff for curtains, stuff for curtain rails, stuff for screwing curtain rails to walls and pelmets, pliers, screwdrivers, bulbs, lamps, pails, pegs, laundry baskets. Saws, of all sizes. They say hello to the man behind the counter. They stand by the rolls of chains of different widths. They compare the price per yard. One of them pulls a length of slim chain; it unrolls and clinks against itself, and the other stands in front of her pretending to look at something else while she passes the chain around her hips and measures it against herself. They look at each other and shrug. The ironmonger cuts the lengths for them. The bell above the door will have clanged behind them. Nobody looks at them. Nobody on the sleepy sunny street even gives them a second glance. They stand on the kerb. Then they laugh like anything. Informations sur le produit.

Chapter 4 : NOW Magazine by NOW Magazine - Issuu

Ali Smith is the author of many works of fiction, including the novel Hotel World, which was short-listed for both the Orange Prize and the Man Booker Prize and won the Encore Award and the Scottish Arts Council Book of the Year Award, and The Accidental, which won the Whitbread Award and was short-listed for the Man Booker Prize and the Orange.

Contemporary Fiction Review quote "Beautiful, subtle. Brimming with humanity and bending, despite everything, toward hope. Smith has a kind of irrepressible sense of joy. Impressionistic and deeply personal. American readers ought to be better acquainted with her genius. This ambitious four-novel sequence will end with summer and Smith in her element. If we are all very lucky, perhaps the world will catch up with her there, too. A cycle is unfolding: But in inverse proportion to defeat is the great pleasure of the reading. Wheeler, Commonwealth "Smith is brilliant on what the referendum has done to Britain. I can think of few writers--Virginia Woolf is one, James Salter another--so able to propel a narrative through voice alone. Autumn is clever and invigorating. The promise of three more books to come is something to be savored. Long may she Remain that way. If the first instalment is anything to go by, the series is destined to become a canon classic. That Smith has done so with such impressive sleight of hand, and with such expediency, is incredible. Smith is convincing as both a year-old girl proud of her new rollerblades and a man living in a care home. The story is rooted in autumn, and Smith writes lyrically about the changing seasons. An energising and uplifting story. Smith is at the very peak of her powers. Autumn shows that the contemporary novel can be both timeless and timely. This may simply be what good novels always have done, but Smith reminds us how to do it, even now. She indulges in word play with an almost Joycean zest. A triumphant story of a May-December friendship within a divided Britain. Eschewing traditional structure and punctuation, the novel charts a wild course through uncertain terrain, an approach that excites and surprises in equal turn. Smith, always one to take risks, sees all of them pay off yet again. This novel of big ideas and small pleasures is enthusiastically recommended. Smith has a gift for drawing a reader into whatever world she creates.

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And speaking of behind-the-times, it is perhaps unsurprising that my favorite book so far this summer was Ali Smith's Winter. Released in January, Winter is the second novel in Smith's seasonal quartet, following Autumn.

Due to publisher restrictions the library cannot purchase additional copies of this title, and we apologize if there is a long waiting list. Be sure to check for other copies, because there may be other editions available. Rakes, spades, forks, a garden roller, a wall of stepladders, a tin bath full of bags of compost. Calor gas bottles, saucepans, frying pans, mopheads, charcoal, folding stools made of wood, a plastic bucket of plungers, stacked packs of sandpaper, sacks of sand in a wheelbarrow, metal doormats, axes, hammers, a camping stove or two, hessian carpet mats, stuff for curtains, stuff for curtain rails, stuff for screwing curtain rails to walls and pelmets, pliers, screwdrivers, bulbs, lamps, pails, pegs, laundry baskets. Saws, of all sizes. They say hello to the man behind the counter. They stand by the rolls of chains of different widths. They compare the price per yard. One of them pulls a length of slim chain; it unrolls and clinks against itself, and the other stands in front of her pretending to look at something else while she passes the chain around her hips and measures it against herself. They look at each other and shrug. The ironmonger cuts the lengths for them. The bell above the door will have clanged behind them. Nobody looks at them. Nobody on the sleepy sunny street even gives them a second glance. They stand on the kerb. Then they laugh like anything. Reviews- September 1, Following Autumn, the first of four novels named for the seasons and drawing on their moods, Smith takes an icy look at the era of Brexit and fake news, examining themes of history and memory and celebrating our will to survive. She and Knausgaard are clearly in sync. After splitting up with his longtime girlfriend, Art, a copyright specialist turned nature blogger, decides to pay Lux, a girl he meets at a bus stop, to impersonate her during a visit to the home of his difficult mother, Sophia. Like Autumn, the novel employs a scattered, evocative plot and prose style, reflecting the fractured emotional, intellectual, and political states occupied by its contemporary characters. Andrew Wylie, the Wylie Agency.

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Part of the International Festival of Authors. For a full list of courses, and to register, call or visit harbourfrontcentre. FREE Made of synthetic, eco-friendly materials, this alternative to ice makes the perfect skating surface for beginners and expert skaters alike. Skate and helmet rentals available. She neglects to mention that fish do not produce omega-3 fats but either consume algae that produce them or small fish that eat the algae. So why not eat the algae directly and use them to produce the supplements? As an added benefit, algae are at the bottom of the food chain and thus contain very low levels of environmental toxins like heavy metals. So why kill massive amounts of fish just for the by-products of the food they eat? Send e-mail to letters nowtoronto. All correspondence must include your name, address and daytime phone number. Letters may be edited for length. Aside from some famous examples, does this really indicate some sort of male criminal behaviour trend? Look at the examples you cite. Two are high-level politicians. Add this to Williams, a high-ranking military officer. I have to wonder, too, while the whole world is watching this rescue in Chile, how many have died in workplace accidents? How many life-saving regulations have been discarded with a simple campaign contribution? These cops are hired to do a job. Why blow bubbles in their faces? The police had been harassed for hours during the G20, and trying to get a reaction out of them by blowing things in their eyes was really unnecessary. In 10 years, this protester will look back at this video and cringe with embarrassment. Want to make a difference? Go stand in front of City Hall with your bubbles. And in-between you can blow a wad on footwear fads that are here today and in the hereafter tomorrow. Blundstone boots are not immortal. For full schedule, visit readings. West, Toronto For mail order or a free catalogue call: Some hectares of waterfront land require remediation. Another blemish on the MLSE sports empire? Stolen and trashed signs are showing up in back alleys in hotly contested races around the city see York West. Canada is the only G8 country without a national housing plan. The haughty Europeans ganged up on us. Stephen Harper has been acting like a spoiled dick on the world stage The biggie folks: Tell us at nowtoronto. Then the ultimate blow to the purveyors of public opinion: Roll away from ordinary. Scion has arrived with a new family of cars made for self-expression. The next step is yours. CA Vehicles shown are special project cars, modified with non-Genuine Scion parts, accessories and colours. Modifications with these non-Genuine Scion parts or accessories will void the Scion warranty, may negatively impact vehicle performance and safety and may not be street legal. But no candidate here is getting the union vote. Crisanti is a Ford sycophant, right down to the redwhite-and-blue motif and Respect for Taxpayers slogan. Can we get any more lukewarm? Ali is the very antithesis of these nepotistic shenanigans. A Somali Canadian, a physician by training, dedicated volunteer and health educator, Ali has proven to be a voice for the underrepresented, and as councillor she would be on the side of progressive environmental, housing and transit policies. Vaughan has an interesting plan to fill the Western Gap and create a hectare park. But the rest of his platform is all Ford, all the time. Kudryk, meanwhile, seems to be relying more on the fact that he was on the Grey Cup champion football team than an actual platform to win him a seat. Voted the wrong way on a fixed link to the Island Airport and banning corporate political donations, but the right way on the city pesticide ban, raising residential development charges and the St. Clair right-of-way. Campbell, a former school board chair, boasts some credible local endorsements and supports road tolls, but is running a Fordish campaign based on cost-cutting and doing away with the land transfer tax. And she seems to have the backing of the community, grabbing 69 per cent of the vote last time out. Another one of those tweener wards suffering from the lack of a credible alternative. Book signing after talk. Royal Botanical Gardens, Plains Rd. To register, visit www. York West is one of our poorest ridings, with the fourth-highest rate of low-income families. But, then, you can say that about most politicians. A bit of an enigma who has distinguished herself this term for her blow-up over the Sunrise explosion. New blood would be a welcome change, but the current roster offers little in the way of a reasonable alternative. To put it bluntly, Saundercook has name recognition going back to his time on York

council to thank for his longevity. Doucette, by contrast, has an enviable record as a local activist going back a decade. She supports Transit City and electric, not diesel, trains in the Junction Triangle. Incumbent Palacio has been inaccessible and undistinguished in his two-term council career. He would make a pragmatic councillor, able to balance constituent needs with a larger vision for the city. Ousted after a stint on council in the Lastman era, he has haunted city elections ever since, but is a little too tormented by outgoing councillor Howard Moscoe than seems healthy. Did we mention the law-and-order hot button he keeps pushing? There are still unanswered questions about her cozy relationship with local developers and construction companies. Enter Mills, whom locals have drafted to oppose Stintz much in the same way they drafted Stintz to run against Anne Johnston over her support of the Minto Towers in How the worm has turned. His platform talks more about fiscal accountability than social responsibility. Ditto for environmentalist Layton, whose roster of backers includes the outgoing local councillor and wannabe mayor Joe Pantalone. Thirty years of service in the area has to count for something. Former sports anchor McCormick, meanwhile, has been more dud than dude in his first foray into politics. A glance at his election platform tells the tale: We are so down with this. Mike Layton, Ward

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Chapter 8 : The Millions: Winter: A Novel (Seasonal Quartet) by Ali Smith

Ali Smith's shapeshifting Winter casts a warm, wise, merry and uncompromising eye over a post-truth era in a story rooted in history and memory and with a taproot deep in the evergreens, art and love.

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