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“There’s something very reassuring about watching a really professional writer at work . . .” —*The New York Times*

About the Author

Irwin Shaw (1913–1984) was an acclaimed, award-winning author who grew up in New York City and graduated from Brooklyn College in 1934. His first play, *Bury the Dead* (1936), has become an anti-war classic. He went on to write several more plays, more than a dozen screenplays, two works of nonfiction, dozens of short stories (for which he won two O. Henry awards), and twelve novels, including *The Young Lions* (1948) and *Rich Man, Poor Man* (1970). William Goldman, author of *Temple of Gold* and *Marathon Man*, says of Shaw: “He is one of the great storytellers and a pleasure to read.” For more about Shaw’s life and work, visit www.irwinshaw.org.

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