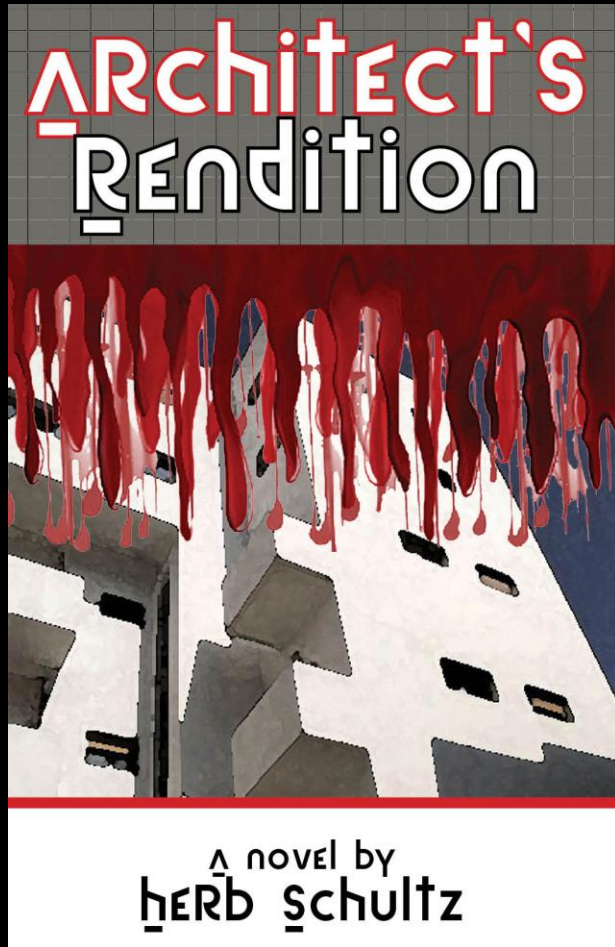




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The Flatiron Building 175 Fifth Avenue

The building sits on a triangular island-block formed by Fifth Avenue, Broadway and East 22nd Street, with 23rd Street grazing the triangle's northern peak.

“Gerald admired the Flatiron Building and the way it resembled a mighty plow, like a scene from a Depression-Era WPA mural, furrowing the concrete surface of Manhattan Island into rows known as Broadway and Fifth Avenue.”



Brno Chair

A modernist cantilever chair designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe in 1929-1930 for the bedroom of the Tugendhat House in Brno, Czech Republic.

“Gerald pushed his Brno chair away from his sleek desk and looked out the floor-to-ceiling windows of his eighteenth floor office across the Flatiron District of Manhattan.”



The Bauhaus

The Bauhaus style became one of the most influential currents in Modernist architecture and modern design.

“Pfalzgraf Associates dealt firmly in the International Style pioneered and branded by the Bauhaus movement of pre-war Germany.”



Francis Bacon

Irish-born British figurative painter known for his bold, graphic and emotionally raw imagery.

“Paintings of men with grotesque faces in the style of Francis Bacon hung on the walls around the dining area and in the hallway leading to the restrooms.”



Brooke Astor

Philanthropist and socialite.

“Brooke Astor: wealthy doyenne of New York Society... ancient, desiccated woman who favored enormous brimmed hats that made her look like a thumbtack”



B Bar

Located smack dab in the middle of the Borgata casino floor, B Bar is like the hotel itself: modern, upscale, lounge-y.

“According to the Borgata, “B Bar is at the center of it all,” but Gerald chose to duck into a remote booth in a corner where conversations could unfold and develop in confidence.”



LC4 Chaise Longue

Iconic chaise designed by Le Corbusier and Charlotte Perriand in 1928.

“Just tell the desk clerk you’re a client of Pfalzgraf Associates.
Give them the code ‘LC4.’”



Falling Water

Falling Water stands as one of Wright's greatest masterpieces both for its dynamism and for its integration with the striking natural surroundings.

“Arbogast’s compound was not all that far from Falling Water, and Gerald knew his client did not want to invite unflattering comparisons between his structures and Wright’s masterpiece.”



Antoni Gaudí

Gaudí's work is admired by architects around the World as being one of the most unique and distinctive architectural styles.

“The showcase (of *Morcilla's family's property ownership*) though was a marvelous home in Barcelona designed by the master Art Nouveau architect Antoni Gaudí.”



Guggenheim Museum Bilbao

The Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, opened in 1997, is a museum of modern and contemporary art, designed by Frank Gehry.

“Sure, they were childhood chums, and probably harbored long-dormant feelings for each other –then in romantic Basque Country, at the Guggenheim Bilbao, the two meet again and the flame is rekindled.”



Jaeger-LeCoultre Reverso

A Jaeger-LeCoultre invention that has been unique in the world since 1931: the "Reversible" case. A timeless symbol of Art Deco

“Gerald was wearing his favorite Ermenegildo Zegna suit and a brand new Jaeger-LeCoultre wristwatch.”



Ferrari F430 Spider

The Ferrari F430 Spider, designed by Pininfarina, made its world premiere at the Geneva motor show.

“Morcilla was in an outstanding mood, having just received ... a complimentary upgrade from the 360 Modena to the sharper, sexier Spider convertible in Giallo Fly Yellow.”



Ocean Course Kiawah Island

The course, opened in 1991, was designed by Pete and Alice Dye and set along the shore of the Atlantic Ocean

Gerald “would have preferred to slumber for many more hours but he rolled out of bed anyway because he had booked an 8 a.m. tee time at the Ocean Course on Kiawah Island, host of the 1991 Ryder Cup tournament.”



Robert Mapplethorpe

(1946-1989) His vast, provocative, and powerful body of work has established him as one of the most important artists of the 20th century.

“At Arbogast’s urging Gerald studied Mapplethorpe’s oeuvre including his black and white photographs of long Negro penises and shots of the artist himself posing satyr-like with a leather bullwhip dangling like a tail from his anus.”



Richard Meier

In 1984, Meier was awarded the Pritzker Prize, and in 2008, he won the gold medal in architecture from the Academy of Arts and Letters.

“Gerald glanced out the window at the Manhattan skyline and at the piers on the far West side. He spotted the glass high-rise buildings by Richard Meier at the foot of Perry and Charles Streets.”



Hotel Gansevoort

The hotel offers spectacular city views and a heated rooftop pool with underwater music.

“The couple sat side-by-side on chaise longues by the pool, alone on the rooftop Wren threw Gerald a mischievous grin and tilted her head toward the pool. Gerald could only make an educated guess at what would happen next.”



North by Northwest

1959 Alfred Hitchcock thriller - a tale of mistaken identity.

“Gerald made no secret that his inspiration for drinking Gibson cocktails came directly from an early part of the movie in which Cary Grant’s character, Roger Thornhill enjoys the urbane drink in the company of Eve Kendall on the Lake Shore Limited.”



The Octagon

The Octagon built in 1834 is a historic building that served as the main entrance to the New York City Lunatic Asylum which opened in 1841.

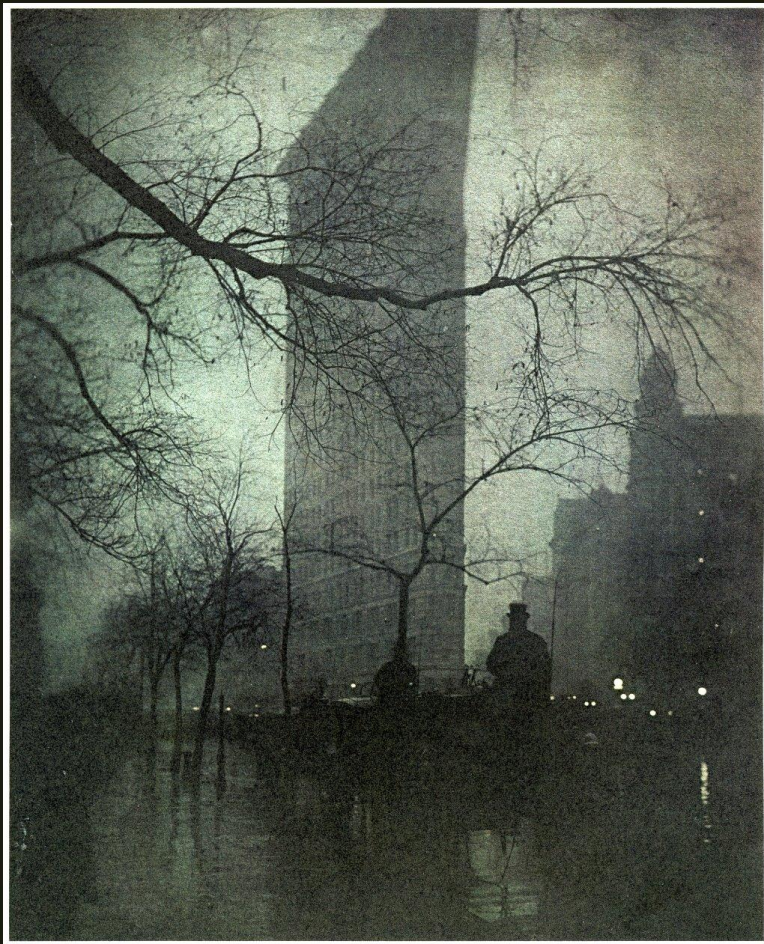
“The centerpiece of the asylum, designed by Alexander Jackson Davis, a premier architect of the time and a founder of the American Institute of Architects, was a beautiful, five-story octagonal tower.”



Ono

Located in the Hotel Gansevoort, Japanese food palace Ono was a production by restaurateur Jeffrey Chodorow.

“Gerald sat in a dark corner of Ono, the high-end Asian restaurant at street level in the Hotel Gansevoort building on the corner of 13th and Hudson Streets.”



Edward Steichen's "The Flatiron"

Steichen's famous photo of the Flatiron Building, taken in 1904, is the quintessential chromatic study of twilight.

"The Flatiron Building looks beautiful tonight, doesn't it Gerald? Looks just like that old Steichen photo in the lobby."



Pastis

Keith McNally's impeccable replica of a Parisian brasserie made the Meatpacking District what it is today.

“An early encroacher into the Meatpacking District, Pastis was popular among the fabulous – so popular that when Gerald arrived for lunch he had to wait in his limo ten minutes for the other limos ahead of him to disgorge their occupants and pull away from the entrance.”



Perry Street Restaurant

176 Perry Street

Jean-Georges Vongerichten's place on the far west side of Manhattan.

“After a sumptuous dinner by himself at Jean-Georges Vongerichten's Perry St., Gerald took the plants and flowers from the bag and tossed them into the Hudson River where they intermingled with logs, Styrofoam and deck furniture.”



Ravello Chair

The striking Ravello chair with its organic, flower-like design by Ricardo Antonio is one of Poltrona Frau's most iconic designs.

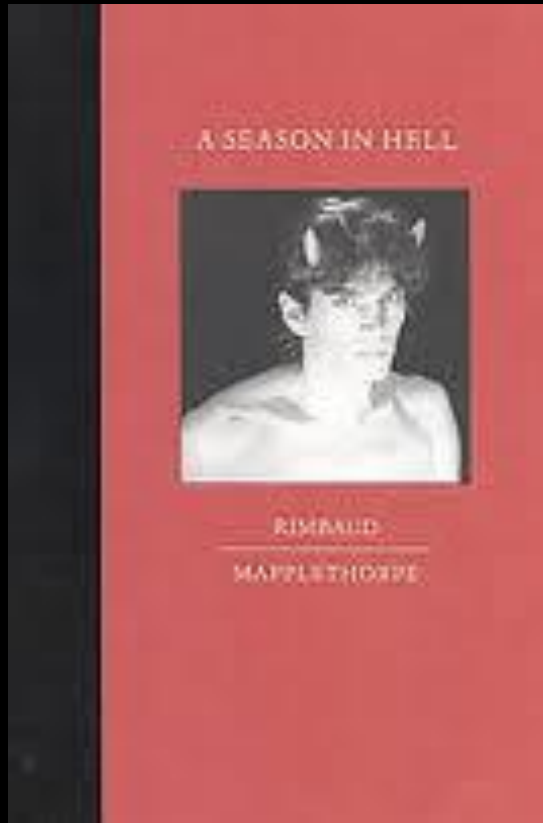
“The couple strolled down Wooster Street arm-in-arm under an umbrella in the pouring rain past the Poltrona Frau store where several Ravello chairs were displayed, each covered in leathers dyed in varying vibrant colors.”



Andrew Pinckney Inn

Historic Bed & Breakfast constructed in
1840

“The couple walked arm-in-arm
back to their room in the old
Andrew Pinckney Inn through the
thick stench of horseshit and the
even more foul-smelling cleanser
applied to the street to eliminate
the offensive odor.”



A Season in Hell

Written by Arthur Rimbaud at age 18 in the wake of his tempestuous affair with poet Paul Verlaine, *A Season in Hell* has been a touchstone for anguished poets, artists and lovers for more than a century.

Arbogast “owned eleven copies out of a total of only forty produced of Mapplethorpe’s *A Season in Hell*, a portfolio of Rimbaud’s poetry accompanied by eight mounted photogravures, each numbered, initialed and signed by Mapplethorpe.”



Jeff Koons's *Puppy*

43-foot tall topiary sculpture of a Terrier puppy, executed in flowers on a transparent stainless steel substructure.

“Morcilla was involved in coordinating the permanent installation of Koons’ *Puppy* at the Guggenheim Bilbao in the land of her family’s ancestors.”



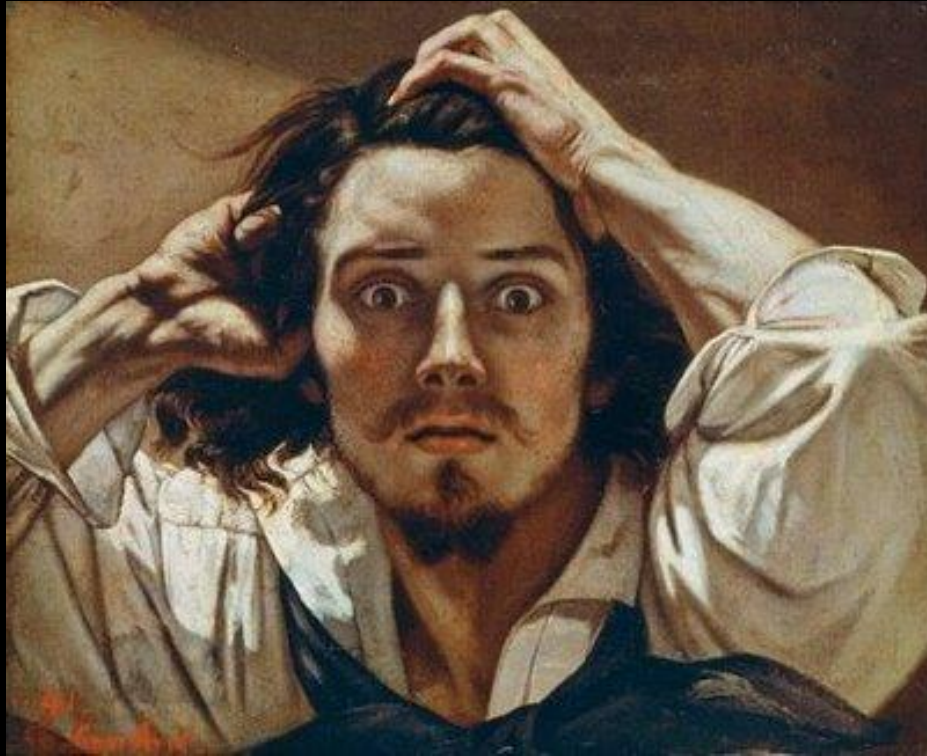
Market Pavilion Hotel

Downtown Charleston

Cooper River Bridge

A cable-stayed bridge over the Cooper River
in South Carolina opened in 2005

“After dinner, sitting in the rooftop bar of the Market Pavilion Hotel under a starry sky with a commanding view of historic, romantic Charleston and the Cooper River Bridge which appeared to be suspended by delicate piano wire, Gerald asked Wren if she loved him.”



The Desperate Man

Gustave Courbet's 1843 Self-portrait.

“For a brief moment Tom’s face bore a remarkable resemblance to Gustave Courbet’s *The Desperate Man*.”



Guggenheim Museum

1071 Fifth Avenue

Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, the cylindrical museum building was conceived as a "temple of the spirit" and is one of the 20th century's most important architectural landmarks

"Gerald was not a big fan of Frank Lloyd Wright's kooky spiral building, largely agreeing with Norman Mailer who remarked that it "shattered the mood of the neighborhood."



Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sava

Constructed between 1850 and 1855, a historic church located at 15 West 25th Street between Broadway and 6th Avenue.

“I guess he met some thugs at a bar where Serbs hang out – some joint near the St. Sava Cathedral – and got hooked up into some drug deals and other kinds of criminal enterprise.”



Tao

The largest Asian restaurant in New York City, 58th and Madison Avenue.

“Subconsciously he sought an antidote in the grandiosity of Tao and of all things Manhattan to contravene Wren’s new-found attraction to small-scale exurban living.”



Roosevelt Island Tramway

Opened in 1976, the Roosevelt Island Tramway spans the East River and connects Roosevelt Island to Manhattan.

“Gerald found himself high above the East River in a red tram that makes round trips along a woven steel cable connecting 59th Street to Roosevelt Island. He nervously held Wren’s hand ... when the car began to rock.”



Villa Savoye

A modernist villa in Poissy in the outskirts of Paris designed by Le Corbusier and Pierre Jeanneret, built between 1928 and 1931.

“Gerald closed the program revealing a photograph of Villa Savoye as the desktop wallpaper.”



Xunantunich

Ancient Mayan archaeological site in western Belize.

“Today, humping one’s ass up to Xunantunich had become a commonplace weekend excursion for Starbuck’s baristas and webmasters for third-rate artists.”



“Could a person really compare Mies van der Rohe’s Farnsworth House (1) or Philip Johnson’s Glass House (2) to the likes of the Calhoun Mansion, the Edmondston-Alston House (3), or the Heyward-Washington House (4) built in 1772?”



Wheatfield with Crows

1890 painting by Vincent van Gogh commonly thought to be his last painting

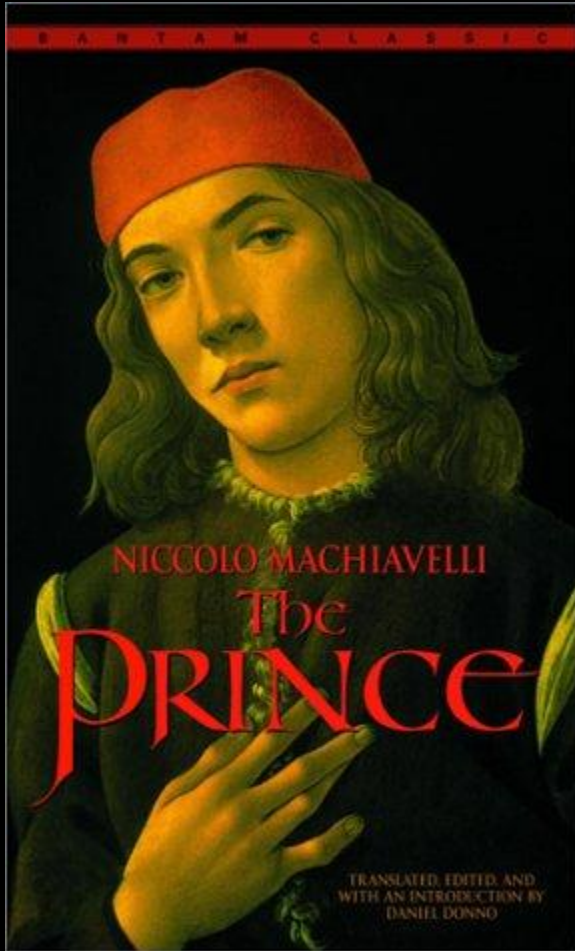
“A stylish piece of furniture... In profile, the back and seat of the chair came together so as to look like the wings of the birds depicted in Van Gogh’s *Wheatfield with Crows*.”



Whitney Museum

Built at 75th and Madison Avenue between 1963 and 1966 by Marcel Breuer, the museum focuses on 20th- and 21st-century American art.

Morcilla “tossed the letter from the Whitney Museum into a rare and ancient Etruscan urn she used for holding follow-up business correspondence.”



The Prince

Niccolo Machiavelli's 16th century masterpiece on power politics.

Gerald “read and re-read *The Prince* by Machiavelli, and committed all the significant portions to memory; he became convinced that coercion creates legality.”



Mahatma Gandhi Statue

A statue of Mahatma Gandhi in the southwest corner of Union Square Park was installed in 1986.

“Gerald stumbled out of the limo, walked into Union Square Park to get some fresh air, and succumbed to head-spinning nausea. He vomited a half-pound of greasy meat at the feet of a statue of Mahatma Gandhi.”



Ramrod

In the 70s, the Ramrod had become New York City's premier Levi leather bar and attracted a large motorcycle S&M crowd.

“The property Morcilla bought for less than \$2 million – a distressed but elegant 19th century building with a massive freight elevator that once served as a dark meeting place for the leather-clad homosexuals who patronized the nearby Ramrod bar – was now appraised at \$26 million.”



Jane Street Theater

The Jane Street Theatre was an Off-Broadway theatre which had a very small thrust stage

“Having had no opportunity to study the menu, yet familiar with it from the time he brought Wren to Pastis following a Sandra Bernhard show at the Jane Street Theater, he replied, “Steak tartare and a salad.”



Wren explained, “We studied it (*Porgy And Bess*) in my African-American film class last semester. I did an extra-credit project for my professor comparing ‘Sportin’ Life’ to the Harvey Keitel character ‘Sport’ in *Taxi Driver*.”



Taliesin West

Taliesin West was architect Frank Lloyd Wright's winter home and school in the desert from 1937 until his death in 1959 at the age of 91.

Richard Curtain “had once been an intern working for Frank Lloyd Wright and joined his staff shortly after the completion of Taliesin West in 1937.”



Annie Liebovitz's House

Renovations at 755 Greenwich Street dragged on for years, igniting opposition by the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation and a \$15 million lawsuit against Leibovitz.

“Gerald scanned the headlines, settling on a story about code violations plaguing a renovation at an early-nineteenth century townhouse in Greenwich Village owned by the photographer Annie Liebovitz.”



Faster, Pussycat. Kill! Kill!

Directed by Russ Meyer in 1965.

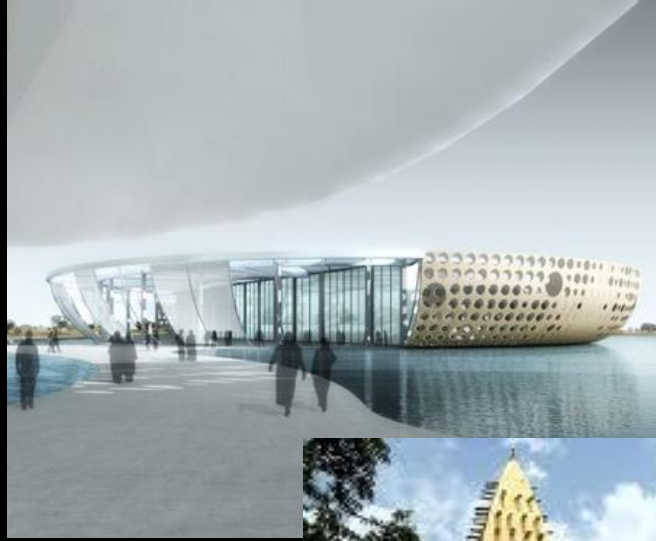
“Gerald instinctively licked his lips and rubbed off the moisture with the back of his hand, looking a bit like the desperately horny man pictured in the opening sequence of *Faster, Pussycat. Kill! Kill!*”



Felt Chair

Marc Newson's modern day classic produced in a variety of materials.

"The Felt Chair covered in rich, red Hallingdal fabric struck Gerald as a consummate example of contemporary Northern Italian design."



Ouagadougou

Capital of Burkina Faso and the cultural centre of the nation.

“Ah, Côte d'Ivoire. Non, mais j'ai été à Burkina Faso. Ouagadougou.”
That was the extent of Gerald's ability with French.



Herman Miller Aeron Chair

An ergonomic chair designed in 1994 by Don Chadwick and Bill Stumpf.

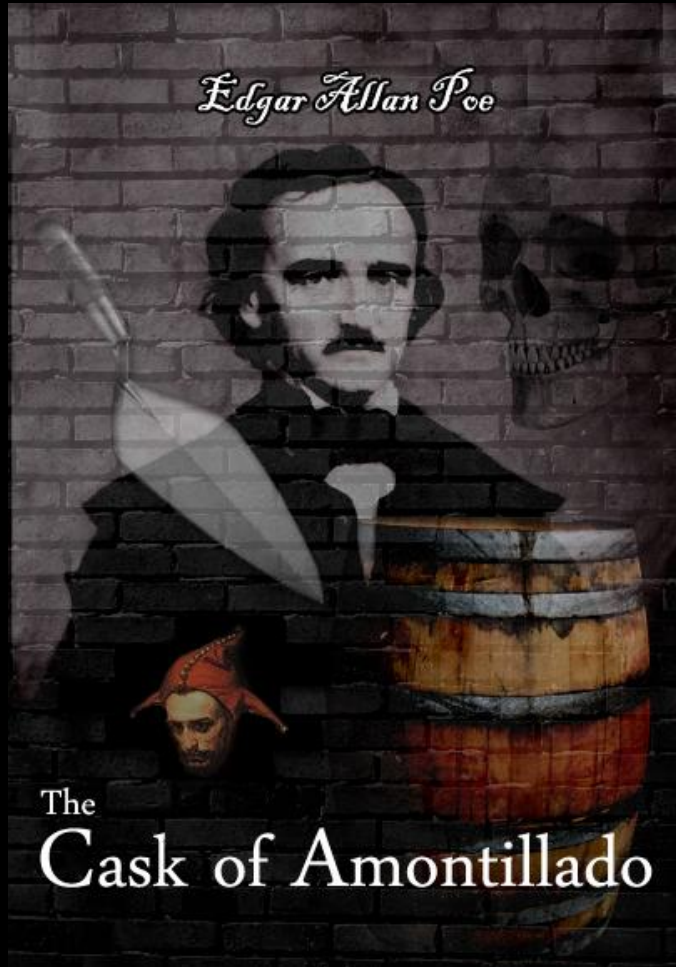
Oscar “sat in his Herman Miller Aeron chair waiting for Gerald to arrive and exonerate him from all his past sins.”



The Raft of the Medusa

Théodore Géricault's painting depicts a moment from the aftermath of the wreck of the French naval frigate Medusa which ran aground on July 5, 1816.

Oscar "bore an uncanny resemblance to the dead body portrayed in the lower left corner of Géricault's greater-than-life masterpiece *The Raft of the Medusa*."



The Cask of Amontillado

Edgar Allan Poe's short story about a man's deadly revenge on a friend whom he believes has insulted him.

Sinisa “pounded on the door like the poor bastard who got walled up in *The Cask of Amontillado*.”



Stuckey's Pecan Log

According to Stuckey's: ““a fluffy, cherry-laced nougat wrapped in fresh caramel and pecans.”

“That brought back an unsavory memory – the Stuckey's Pecan Log, a confection that looked as though it should be floating in a toilet bowl.”



Parachute Jump

Built for the 1939 New York World's Fair, the iconic open-frame steel structure remains a Brooklyn landmark.

“To Gerald’s eye the slender structure rising upward like a derrick, a gusher of oil rendered in delicate steel, was more beautiful than the Eiffel Tower.”

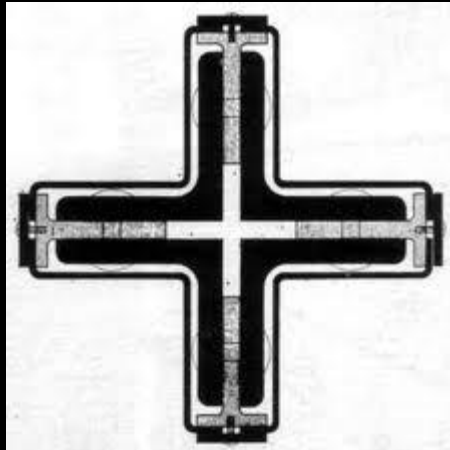


Patek Philippe Calatrava Watch

The Calatrava timepiece is one of the iconic classically styled watches.

Barcelona Pavilion

Designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, the German Pavilion for the 1929 International Exposition in Barcelona is known for its simple form and its spectacular use of extravagant materials



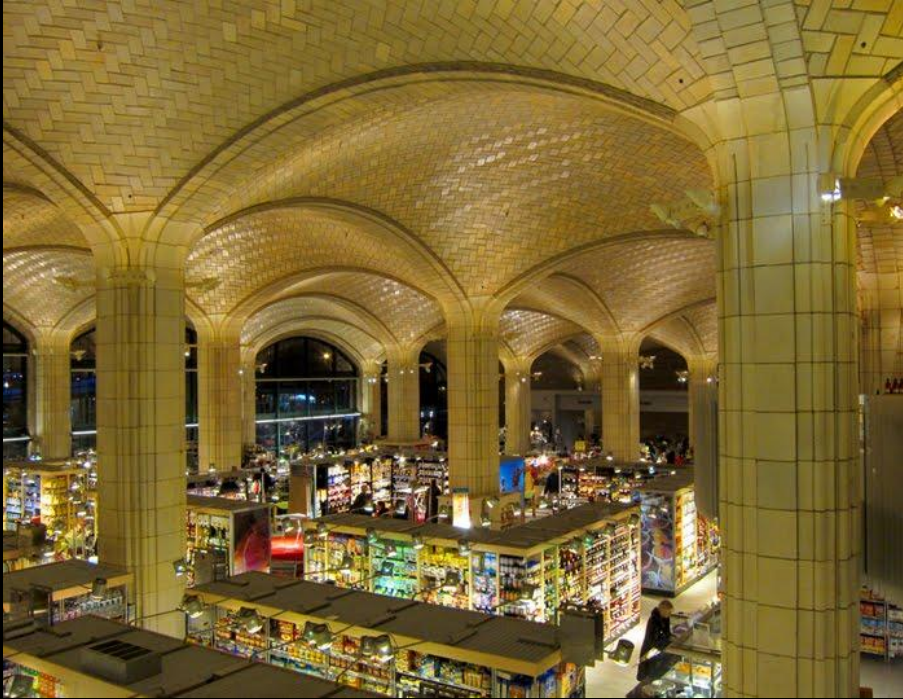
Gerald wore “the vintage 1932 Patek Philippe Calatrava wristwatch given to him by Morcilla’s father for his thirtieth birthday and a pair of sterling silver cufflinks modeled after the cross-section of the columns used in Mies van der Rohe’s Barcelona Pavilion. ”



Joe Dallesandro

Considered to be the most famous male sex symbol of American underground films of the 20th century.

“Chappy Hardwick, dressed in a foppish waistcoat and sporting a cravat (was) accompanied by his new boyfriend, Lucius – a Joe Dallesandro look-alike from the actor’s *Trash* days.”



Guastavino's

Located in Manhattan beneath the Queensborough Bridge, one of NYC's most spectacular urban spaces for private events.

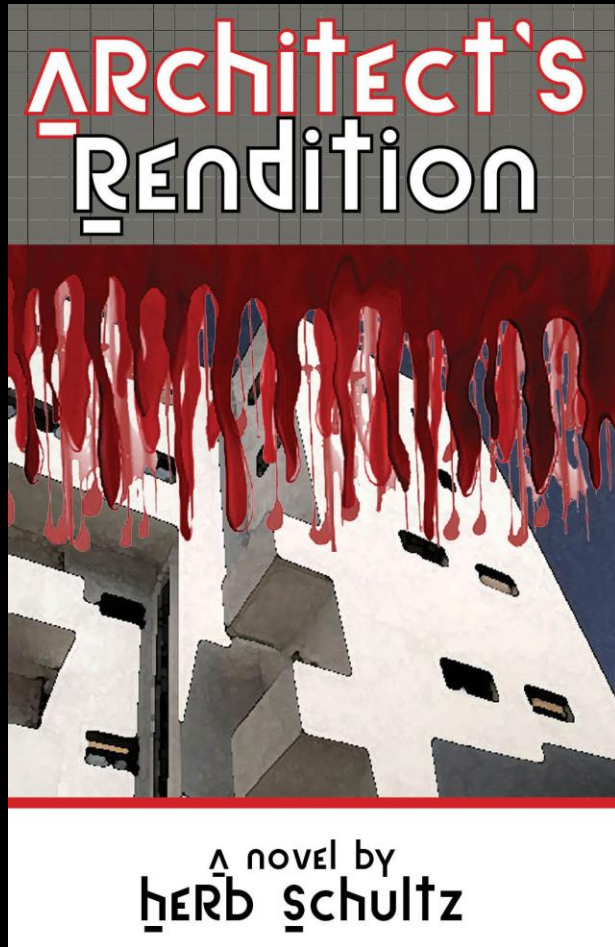
"... the evening wrapped up at Guastavino's, an elegant hall located beneath the Queensboro Bridge and a New York City landmark noted for its vaulted tiled interior."



Warwick Hotel Suite 2706

The “Cary Grant Suite” was named after the famous actor who made it his residence for 12 years.

“Within moments of arriving at the Warwick, Wren and Gerald were alone together in their suite, together for the first time in months, acting as though they were together for the first time in their lives.”



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