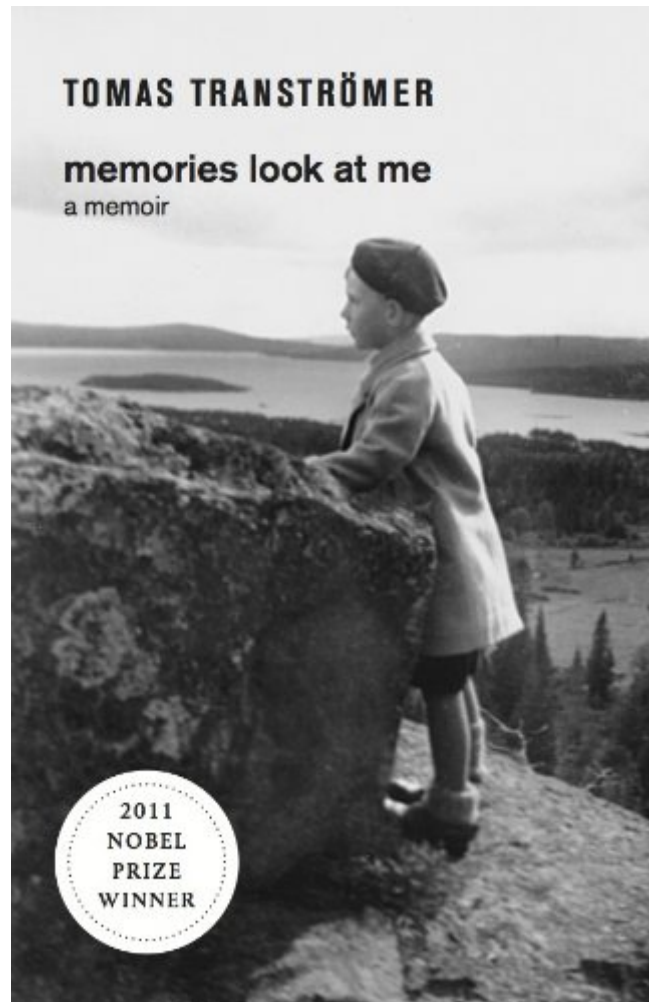


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In 1993, at the age of sixty-two and two years after a serious stroke, Tomas Transtr  mer penned this little memoir about his youth: an only child with a divorced mother, World War II (which, as they lived in Stockholm, he observed at a distance), museums and libraries, studious pursuit of entomology, grammar school, and then Latin secondary school. It is readily understandable how the serious lad Transtr  mer portrays grew up to be a Nobel laureate poet. Although it has its charms, the truth is that *MEMORIES LOOK AT ME* is a slight book, probably of little interest except to those who are so enamored with Transtr  mer that they want to devour everything by and about him. I

will say that reading it summoned up many memories from my own boyhood -- something of value to no one other than myself. The book closes with a poem entitled "Memories Look at Me". It and the precious cover photograph of six-year-old Tomas surveying a rugged Scandinavian landscape are the most noteworthy things in the book.

This is a lovely little book especially if one is a lover of Tomas Transtromer.. I confess that I wished the book had been longer with more of his interesting and delightfully told memories. It is a joy to enter and experience the childhood of this wonderful man.

Transtromer is quirky and interesting so I enjoyed the book which came early and in great shape.

Beautiful book, written with such honesty and compassion.

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