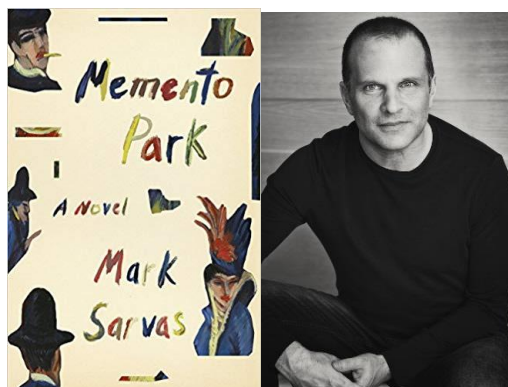


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**"MEMENTO PARK"
BY MARK SARVAS**



The Book

After receiving an unexpected call from the Australian consulate, Matt Santos becomes aware of a painting that he believes was looted from his family in Hungary during the Second World War. To recover the painting, he must repair his strained relationship with his harshly judgmental father, uncover his family history, and restore his connection to his own Judaism. Along the way to illuminating the mysteries of his past, Matt is torn between his doting girlfriend, Tracy, and his alluring attorney, Rachel, an Orthodox Jew, with whom he travels to Budapest to unearth the truth about the painting and, in turn, his family. As the New York Times review states, "Sarvas tackles big questions — about what constitutes restitution, the nature of faith, and the essential role of storytelling in our lives."

The Author

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