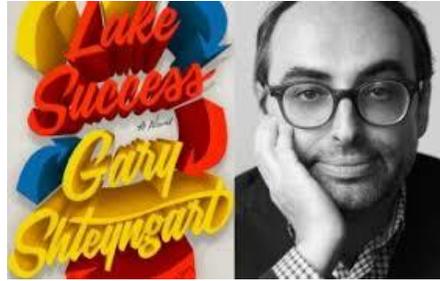


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"LAKE SUCCESS"
BY GARY SHTEYNGART



The Book

Narcissistic, hilariously self-deluded, and divorced from the real world as most of us know it, hedge-fund manager Barry Cohen oversees \$2.4 billion in assets. Deeply stressed by an SEC investigation and by his three-year-old son's diagnosis of autism, he flees New York on a Greyhound bus in search of a simpler, more romantic life with his old college sweetheart. Meanwhile, his super-smart wife, Seema—a driven first-generation American who craved the picture-perfect life that comes with wealth—has her own demons to face. How these two flawed characters navigate the chaos of their own making is at the heart of this exploration of the 0.1 Percent, a poignant tale of familial longing and an unsentimental ode to what *really* makes America great.

The Author

Gary Shteyngart was born in Leningrad in 1972 and came to the United States seven years later. His debut novel, *The Russian Debutante's Handbook*, won the Stephen Crane Award for First Fiction and the National Jewish Book Award for Fiction. His second novel, *Absurdistan*, was named one of the 10 Best Books of the Year by *The New York Times Book Review*, as well as a best book of the year by *Time*, *The Washington Post Book World*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Chicago Tribune*, and many other publications. He has been selected as one of *Granta's Best Young American Novelists*. His work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Esquire*, *GQ*, and *Travel + Leisure* and his books have been translated into more than twenty languages. *Lake Success* was just selected as one of the 100 Notable Books of 2018 by the *New York Times*. He lives in New York City.

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