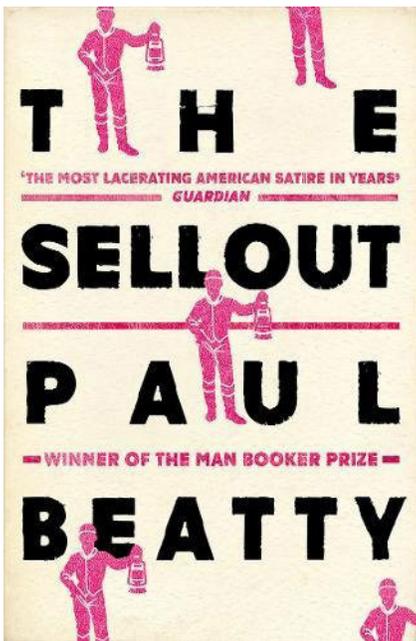


# THE SELLOUT

## Paul Beatty

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**WINNER OF THE MAN BOOKER PRIZE 2016**

**Winner of The National Book Critics Circle Award**

***The longer you stare at Beatty's pages, the smarter you'll get.***

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A biting satire about a young man's isolated upbringing and the race trial that sends him to the Supreme Court, *The Sellout* showcases a comic genius at the top of his game.

Born in Dickens on the southern outskirts of Los Angeles, the narrator of *The Sellout* spent his childhood as the subject in his father's racially charged psychological studies. He is told that his father's work will lead to a memoir that will solve their financial woes. But when his father is killed in a drive-by shooting, he discovers there never was a memoir. All that's left is a bill for a drive-through funeral.

What's more, Dickens has literally been wiped off the map to save California from further embarrassment. Fuelled by despair, the narrator sets out to right this wrong with the most outrageous action conceivable: reinstating slavery and segregating the local high school, which lands him in the Supreme Court.

In his trademark absurdist style, which has the uncanny ability to make readers want to both laugh and cry, *The Sellout* is an outrageous and outrageously entertaining indictment of our time.

PAUL BEATTY is the author of the novels *Slumberland*, *Tuff*, *The White Boy Shuffle* and *The Sellout*, which won the Man Booker Prize in 2016. He is also the author of two books of poetry, *Big Bank Take Little Bank* and *Joker, Joker, Deuce*, and is the editor of *Hokum: An Anthology of African-American Humor*. He lives in New York City.



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'I was banned from reading in bed because I was laughing so much.'

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'A no-holds-barred satire about the history and legacy of racism in America.'

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'One of the few books of recent years that has made me choke with laughter.'

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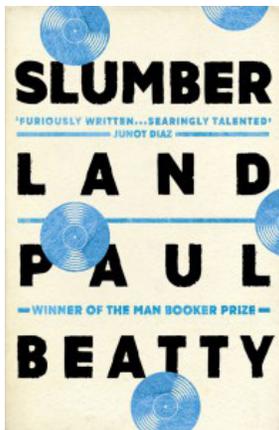
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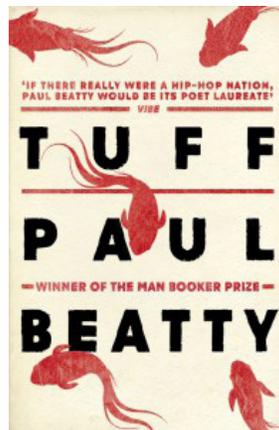
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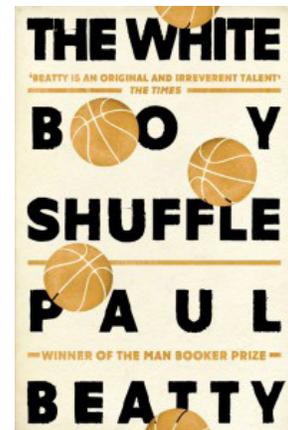
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