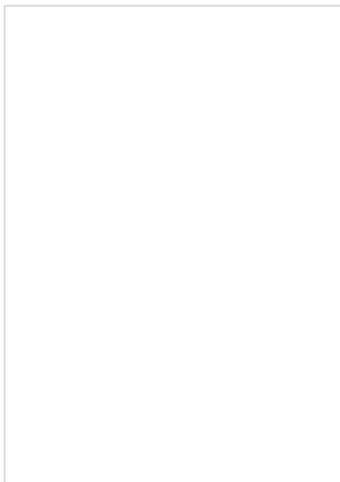


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**From Publishers Weekly** Though Perec (1936-1982) is "experimental" in the tradition of Joyce and Nabokov, his work is rich with word games and acrostics that reveal the secret life of language this euphoric novel, winner of the Prix Medicis, will enchant a range of readers. The serial storytelling within the framework narrative is as beguiling and inexhaustible as Scheherazade's. The facade is removed from a Parisian apartment house on the Rue Simon-Crubellier, permitting us to spy on its tenants in the grid of rooms and to examine their pictures and bibelots. Books, letters, clippings and announcements add to the textual welter, all interlocking like pieces of a puzzle, the novel's chief metaphor. Tales told in stylishly reinvented genres, romance, detection, adventure, constitute what is experienced, read about or dreamed up by an array of restaurateurs, mediums, cyclists, antique dealers and pious widows. A quester for the Nile tries to rescue a beautiful German girl from a harem. A judge's wife, whose

sexually thrilling thefts result in a sentence of hard labor, ends as a bag lady on a park bench. Meanwhile a team of eccentric artists, Bartlebooth, Winckler and Valene, enact the creative process, painting watercolor seascapes, cutting them apart with a jigsaw and reassembling them as smoothly as "an oily sea closing over a drowning man." The image of a splendidly wrought table, its interior fretted by patient worms, succinctly and differently restates the process. This is a classic of contemporary fiction. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.

**From Library Journal** "The eye follows the paths that have been laid down for it in the work," begins Perec's encyclopedic novel, which details everything, animate and inanimate, in an imaginary apartment house. His characters unfailingly do the least expected: Laurelle, killed at her own wedding by a falling chandelier; Ingeborn, who casts a white actor as Otello; Gregoire, fired from a vegetarian restaurant for pouring beef extract in the vegetable soup; a judge's wife sentenced to hard labor. The author reserves the greatest irony for Percival Bartlebooth, like himself an artist. Bartlebooth paints watercolors that are made into jigsaw puzzles, then reverses the process until he has a perfectly blank sheet. Creation and dissolution are the themes in this highly entertaining work, itself a puzzle. Lisa Mullenieux, Iowa City, Iowa  
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But *Life: A User's Manual* is not one of those works. In fact, this book may claim to be about 'life' but its guiding principle comes from the inorganic world. Perec presents us with a history of a building, an apartment block at 11 Rue Simon-Crubellier in the 17th arrondissement of Paris. In this lengthy novel, Perec takes us room by room through the building, and over the course of 99 chapters, each focused on a different location in these living quarters, covers the entire structure from top to bottom. To add to the constraints of this peculiar narrative, Perec dispenses with chronology. Praise for *Life: A User's Manual*. Those who have a taste for the unusual, for books that create worlds unto themselves, will be dazzled by this crazy-quilt monument to the imagination. "The New York Times Book Review. In this wondrously optimistic book, he sidles through the lives of the inhabitants of a single Paris apartment block and manages to convey scintillas of every aspect of the human condition" proving that, while ultimately without point, life is a continuum rich beyond belief, and so very well worth living. "The Week Magazine. This elaborate jigsaw puzzle of a novel has drawn comparison to *Life: A User's Manual*. From Academic Kids. *Life: A User's Manual* (the original title is *La Vie mode d'emploi*) is Georges Perec's most famous novel, published in 1978, but first translated into English by David Bellos in 1988. Its title page describes it as "novels", in the plural, the reasons for which become apparent on reading. Some critics have cited the work as an example of postmodern fiction, though Perec himself preferred to avoid labels and his only long term affiliation with any movement was with the Oulipo or OUVROIR DE LITTÉRATURE POTentielle. Spoiler w

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