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Trevor Cribben Merrill offers a bold reassessment of Milan Kundera's place in the contemporary canon. Harold Bloom and others have dismissed the Franco-Czech author as a maker of "period pieces" that lost currency once the Berlin Wall fell. Merrill refutes this view, revealing a previously unexplored dimension of Kundera's fiction. Building on theorist René Girard's notion of "triangular desire," he shows that modern classics such as *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* and *The Book of Laughter and Forgetting* display a counterintuitive-and bitterly funny-understanding of human attraction.

Most works of fiction (and most movies, too) depict passionate feelings as deeply authentic and spontaneous. Kundera's novels and short stories overturn this romantic dogma. A pounding heart and sweaty palms could mean that we have found "the One" at last-or they could attest to the influence of a model whose desires we are unconsciously borrowing: our amorous predilections may owe less to personal taste or physical chemistry than they do to imitative desire.

At once a comprehensive survey of Kundera's novels and a witty introduction to Girard's mimetic theory, *The Book of Imitation and Desire* challenges our assumptions about human motive and renews our understanding of a major contemporary author.

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