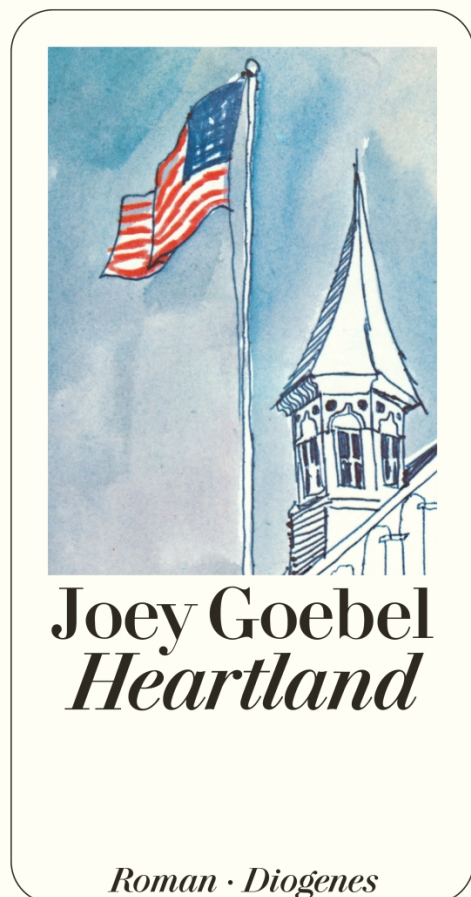


Joey Goebel
Commonwealth

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John Mapother, son of the most powerful family in the provincial backwater of Bashford, decides after various private failures that he wants to enter American Congress. Except he has no idea about the world of his constituents. But his younger brother, Blue Gene, the black sheep of the family, does, and he also knows that simple folk are not that simple at all, starting with the rebellious punk rock girl he's fallen in love with.

A great American family drama, highly intelligent, melancholic and surprisingly topical.

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Awards

- 2009 ›Festival-Preis‹ des Internationalen Festivals und Kolloquiums ›Days and Nights of Literature‹ (Rumänien)
- 2007 Nominierung für den Kritikerpreis in der Altersgruppe 16–18 Jahre der Jury der jungen Leser für *Freaks*
- 2007 ›Silberner Lufti, Lufti-Jugendbuchpreis‹ für *Freaks*
- 2006 ›Jugendbuchpreis‹ der Jury der jungen Kritiker in Wien für *Vincent*
- 2006 Nominierung von *Torture the Artist (Vincent)* für die Longlist des ›Dylan Thomas Prize‹ in England

Praise

Commonwealth

›Funny, mean and outstanding.« – Neon, Hamburg

››Commonwealth‹ is a devastating blow to the soul of the American people and at the same time a modern classic.« – The Gap, Vienna

›Commonwealth, besides containing a wealth of great ideas and characters, is also more topical than ever. Anyone who has ever wanted to read a witty satire about politics, election campaigns and family drama has found the right book here.« – Benedict Wells

›The novel about America. Outstanding.« – Benedict Wells

›Joey Goebel is without a doubt one of the strongest young talents in U.S. literature, and with *Commonwealth* he has produced his first masterpiece.« – Marius Meller / Deutschlandradio Kultur, Berlin

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›Joey Goebel writes with the passion and humour of a modern day Mark Twain.« – www.popmatters.com

›Against this type of storytelling, the contemporary stars of American realism—from Philip Roth to Jonathan Franzen ... seem like a bunch of schmucks.« – Evelyn Finger / Die Zeit, Hamburg

›Wickedly ingenious ... Goebel's ebulliently funny writing sparkles off the page.« – Caroline Leavitt / Boston Globe



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Joey Goebel, born 1980 in Henderson, Kentucky, where he lives and teaches English. He is the author of the novels *The Anomalies*, *Torture the Artist* and *Commonwealth*. His most recent novel *I Against Osbourne* was published in 2013.

Praise (cont'd)

»So as Fitzgerald tagged his generation's excesses and delusions in ›The Great Gatsby‹ and Bret Easton Ellis did the same in the 1980s with ›Less Than Zero‹, Joey Goebel grabs the Zeitgeist by the nape of the neck and gives it a good twirl...« – Pages Magazine, USA

»Joey Goebel is a quirky, fresh, and relevant voice for our time.« – Library Journal, USA

»Joey Goebel is being acclaimed as a literary discovery of the calibre of a John Irving or T. C. Boyle.« – Stefan Maelck / Norddeutscher Rundfunk, Hamburg

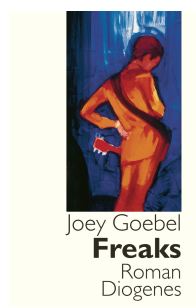
»There is hope as long as we have young writers like Joey Goebel.« – Die Welt, Berlin



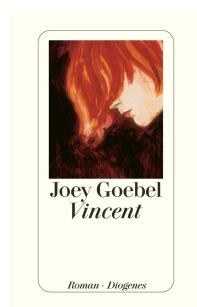
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320 pages
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I Against Osbourne
432 pages
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The Anomalies
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2006
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Torture the Artist
448 pages
2005
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