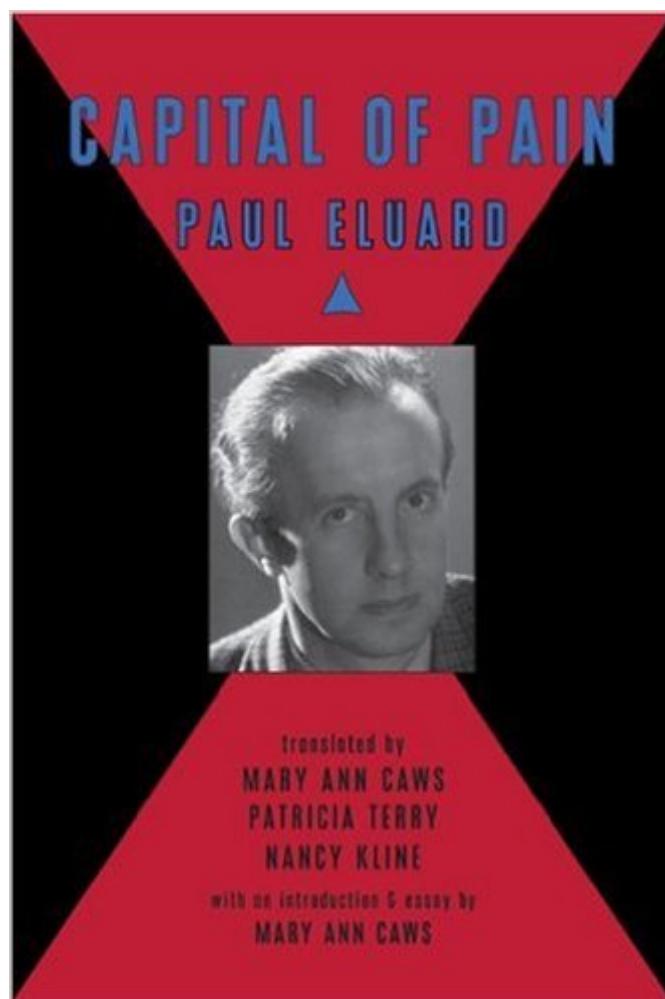


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Synopsis

Capital of Pain, is considered one of the key texts of surrealism. This is the first new translation into English of this work in over 30 years and the only edition available in the English language. This edition presents the text in its entirety in a bilingual format and includes an extensive essay on Eluard's works by Mary Ann Caws. This book has had a lasting effect on poets and readers since it exploded onto the literary scene in 1926 and has never been out of print in Europe since.

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From "The Capital of Pain" by Paul Eluard. Death in Conversation: "Who else has your face. The good and the bad. Imaginable beauty. Infinite gymnastics. In mobility surpassing. Colours and kissing. Grand gestures in the night". The Capital of Pain comprising many of the poems and prose written by Eluard between 1921 and 1926 is widely considered Eluard's finest surrealist achievement. The collection was acclaimed as the most unified exponent of Surrealism's creative intentions achieved by Paul Eluard. French poet, a founder of Surrealism with Louis Aragon and André Breton among others, he was one of the most important lyrical poets of the 20th century. Eluard rejected later Surrealism and joined the French Communist Party. Many of his works reflect the major events of the century, such as the World Wars, the French Resistance against the Nazis, and the political and social ideals of the 20th century. Capital of Pain has had a lasting impression on more readers than one might expect. Today this collection is thought by many to be the key to grasping what Surrealist texts are like. It clearly shows the freshness of early Surrealism,

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