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About the Author

Studs Terkel (1912–2008) was the bestselling author of twelve books of oral history, including *Hope Dies Last*, *Working*, *Race*, and the Pulitzer Prize–winning “*The Good War*” (all available from The New Press). He was the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including a Presidential National Humanities Medal and the National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters.

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