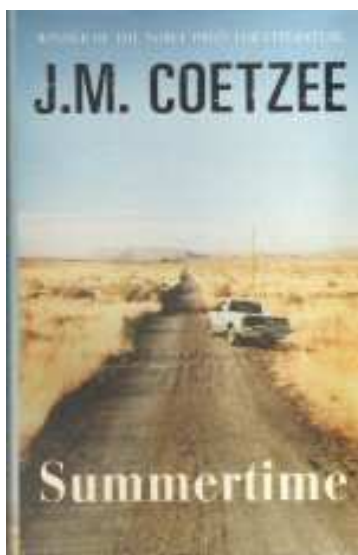


Summertime by J.M Coetzee



Summertime is a fictionalized memoir of the author's life. The previous two novels in the series are *Boyhood* (1997) and *Youth* (2002)

In this account a young English biographer is researching a book about John Coetzee who has recently died. He focuses on the years between 1972 and 1977. During this period Coetzee was sharing a run down house in the suburbs of Cape Town with his widowed father, and beginning to emerge as a writer. The biographer has never met Coetzee but manages to track down a number of people who were important to him. Through interviews with these people a picture emerges of an awkward and bookish individual with little talent for relating to others.

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