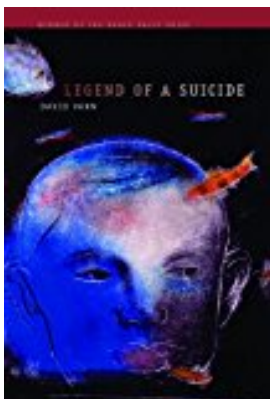


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## Description:

**From Publishers Weekly** This well-crafted debut collection, five stories and a novella, from award-winning writer and memoirist Vann (*A Mile Down*) revolves obsessively around the suicide of an Alaskan father. Hopscotching through time, each tale examines the father's death from the perspective of his young son, Roy. The first story, *Ichthyology*, introduces the young protagonist and his troubled father, a tax-dodging dentist and fisherman who ends up shooting himself on the deck of his fishing boat. Rhoda finds the 12-year-old boy bonding with his new stepmother, a pretty young woman his father married before the tragedy. In *A Legend of Good Men*, Roy imagines a fantastically violent rampage in which he does away with his mother's suitors, à la Odysseus and Telemachus. The novella, *Sukkwan Island*, is an increasingly suspenseful story of survival, in which a 13-year-old Roy and his father brave the elements for months in an isolated mountain cabin. Vann uses startling powers of observation to create strong characters, tense scenes and genuine surprises, leading to a ghastly conclusion that's sure to linger. (*Dec.*)

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**Review** As the title suggests, the stories in 'Legend of a Suicide' approach a private mythos, revisiting, reinvestigating, and reinventing one family's broken past. They also transport us to wild, uncharted places on the Alaskan coast and in the American soul. Throughout, David Vann is a generous, sure-handed guide in some very dangerous territory. ---Stewart O Nan, author of 'Last Night at the Lobster and Snow Angels: A Novel'

The characters in these stories are extreme in their isolation from one another, whether they come together in a howling wind or in the comforts of a warm kitchen. Here is suicide, infidelity, madness; here are people whose skewed optimism about the next love affair, the next career, the next homestead, proves deadly. . . . Memory, affection for place, the mangled ways we manage to express the love we feel David Vann is unafraid of the weight and the complication of these things. He is emboldened in these stories to fall headlong into the disorienting wilderness of the human heart and mind. --Noy Holland, contest judge and author of 'What Begins with Bird'

This is one of the most striking fictional debuts in recent memory, and David Vann is an important new voice in American literature. --Robert Olen Butler, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain*

'Legend of a Suicide' is a series of stories by David Vann, focusing on the collapse of paradise, following its protagonists as they deal with the life around them spiraling out of control and their relationships with the ones responsible. 'Legend of a Suicide' is thought provoking and will give readers much to relate to, making it a gripping read that won't be put down. --The Midwest Book Review, February 2010

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