

IN SEARCH
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LOST TIME
(in French!)

The “timeless” masterpiece by
**MARCEL
PROUST**
*Bestselling Author of *Pleasures and Days**

Hi.

So here’s the deal: Someone (in all likelihood the best person you know) preordered the book *Hottest Heads of State* for you as a gift.

And, in anticipation that you will be ashamed to be seen reading it, they have also given you this **fake book jacket cover**. It has been specially designed to conceal your copy of *Hottest Heads of State* when you’re reading it out in public, like at a World Series game or during your wedding reception. In fact, it can be used to conceal any book that you are ashamed to read in public, such as the English translation of Marcel Proust’s *In Search of Lost Time*.

Now, there *is* a small risk that some nosy passerby will try to quiz you about Proust’s famous, 4,000-page novel. So here is a quick cheat sheet for each of the book’s seven volumes:

SWANN’S WAY

The unnamed narrator recalls his youth in provincial France, despite your silent mental pleas that he not.

IN THE SHADOW OF GIRLS IN FLOWER

The young narrator develops crushes on a series of teenaged girls with names like “Gilberte” and “Albertine.” None of them return his affections, although Gilberte does agree to a friendly wrestling match, which is a mistake.

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