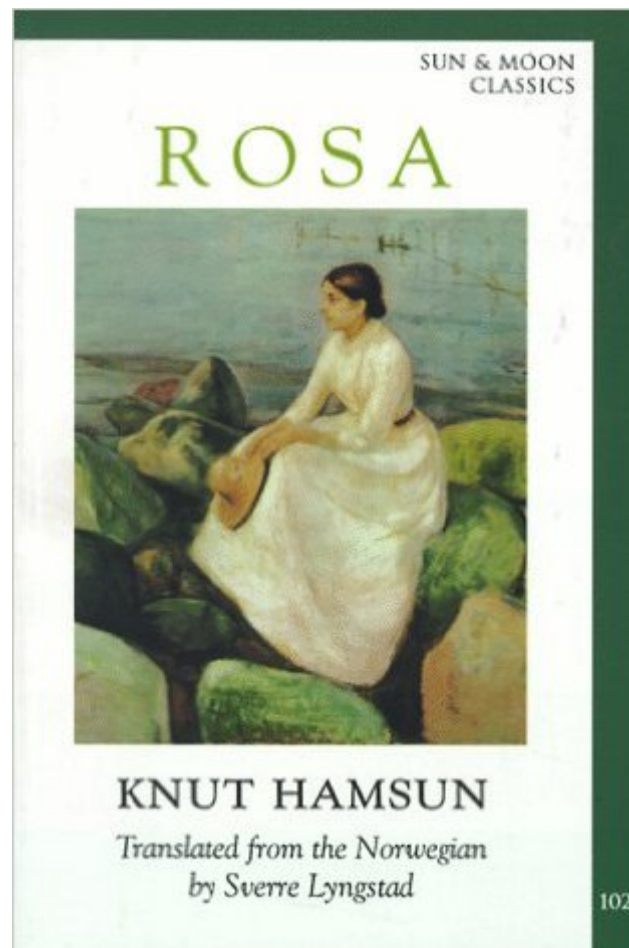


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Nobel Prize-winning author Knut Hamsun is at his best in this early novel, reprinted from the Sun & Moon edition. This popular book, described as an important transitional work in Hamsun's career, received rave reviews upon its original English-language publication. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Knut is 1-in-a-hundred-million, able to actually step back and see the bigger human picture (and, of course, write about what he sees better than anyone else). In fact, Knut stands so far back, we're all like little bugs to him. Knut takes the Richard Dawkins canon (men have feelings; women have strategies) and expresses it in language so painfully acute that the reader (if you're like me), is left screaming aloud with delight. The novel is short, but the fun is long because there's zero extra words. I read it s-l-o-w-l-y in order that the phenomenal phraseology could sink in. Made it last all week. And dressed like Parelius the narrator to try to get more into the story.

Rosa is the other side of the coin of Benoni's tale. Whereas Benoni was the hero of "his" book, he's the goat of "hers." I think part of what I didn't like about this book was that a character I really loved was taken and made a mockery of. Hamsun seems more driven to show Rosa's spitefulness & hatred, which gets in the way of his usually beautifully simplistic style. Instead of having the

easy-going flow of most of his "small Norweigen fishing village" novels, it's more of a vitriolic diatribe. Hamsun is one of the most brilliant novelists of all-time, but this is definitely my least-favorite work of all his works translated into English. If you're a Hamsun lover, go ahead & get it. If you've never read Hamsun before, this definitely isn't a good place to start.

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