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J.G. Ballard is the author of numerous books, including *Concrete Island*, *The Kindness of Women*, and *Crash*. He is revered as one of the most important writers of fiction to address the consequences of twentieth-century technology. He lives in England.

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