

THE LAUGHING MONSTERS DENIS JOHNSON

A HIGH-SUSPENSE TALE OF KALEIDOSCPING LOYALTIES
IN THE POST-9/11 WORLD THAT SHOWS ONE OF OUR GREATEST
NOVELISTS AT THE TOP OF HIS GAME

PRAISE FOR DENIS JOHNSON

“Johnson is one of the last of the hard-core American realist writers, working—in his own way—along a line that might be charted from Melville and Stephen Crane, with a detour through Flannery O’Connor and Don DeLillo. He routinely explores the nature of crime—all his novels have it in one form or another—in relation to the nature of grace (yes, grace) and the wider historical and cosmic order.” —DAVID MEANS, *The New York Times Book Review*

“Hurrah. Some have started to say that Denis Johnson might be one of America’s greatest fiction writers. This should have been obvious in 1986.”

—ALAN WARNER, *The Guardian*

DENIS JOHNSON is the author of eight novels, one novella, one book of short stories, three collections of poetry, two collections of plays, and one book of reportage. His novel *Tree of Smoke* won the 2007 National Book Award.

An actor of both stage and screen, SCOTT SHEPHERD is known for roles in the recent films *And So it Goes*, *Side Effects*, and *Brief Reunion*. He belongs to two major theater groups, The Wooster Group and Elevator Repair Service through which he performs both locally and abroad. Shepherd is widely known for his natural memorization skills after he recited the entirety of Fitzgerald’s *The Great Gatsby* for a Public Theater production of the show *Gatz*.

READ BY SCOTT SHEPHERD



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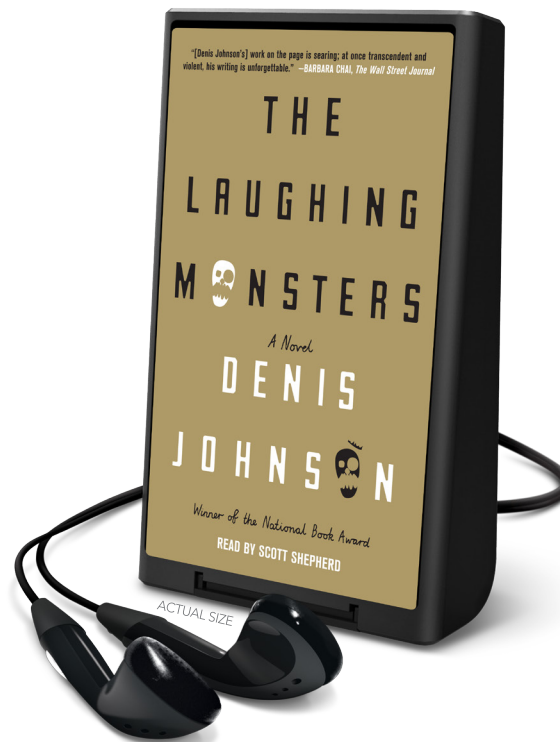
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