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From the Publisher

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About the Author

Luke Rhinehart is the internationally acclaimed author of *The Dice Man* and six other books. *The Dice Man*, cited by a BBC production as one of the fifty most influential books of the last half-century, was honored by *Loaded Magazine* in 1999 as the 'Novel of the Century.' It has been an international best seller for thirty years and is selling more copies now than ever. In the last few years three documentaries have been shot about Luke or people influenced by the book, three stage plays based loosely on Luke's work have toured the U.K., and the six-part TV series *Dice* will be aired later this year. His other books include: *WHIM*, a comic novel about a Magical teenager sent to earth by the Lord Chance on a quest for U.T.--ultimate truth. *WHITE WIND, BLACK RIDER*, a dramatic and moving story of three samurai and their conflicting and deadly loves for the beautiful Matari. *THE BOOK OF THE DIE*, a collection of essays, parables, proverbs, film scenes and stories that dramatize his unique ideas; and *And LONG VOYAGE BACK*, an extraordinary story of people fleeing by sailboat from a nuclear holocaust. Visit Luke at www.lukerhinehart.net.

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