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## **Editorial Review**

From Library Journal

The Russian Shklovsky's own infatuation with a woman led to this epistolary novel set in 1922 in which a man is permitted to write to a woman named Alya under the condition that he not talk about love. During the subsequent correspondence, the author makes observations about Russian life, art, literature etc., all of which under the surface really are about love.

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Review

"... a work of gossip, allusion and esoteric reference, with devices--some typographical--which Shklovsky borrowed from Sterne, whom he much admired. "--John Bayley, Listener

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