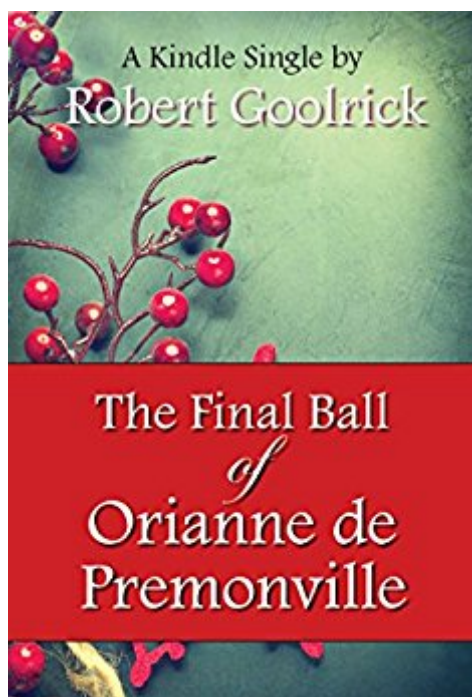


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"... she read and read until it was all laid out before her the anger and its roots, and all the possible paths to reconciliation." -- from THE FINAL BALL OF ORIANNE DE PREMONVILLE
If I was a Hollywood sort, I'd describe THE FINAL BALL OF ORIANNE DE PREMONVILLE as *Babette's Feast* meets *The Masque of the Red Death* with a happier ending. But I'm not. Plus that elevator pitch does Robert Goolrick's new novella a disservice. Instead, I'll simply say that THE FINAL BALL

OF ORIANNE DE PREMONVILLE is Goolrick writing what he does best: it's a lushly written fairy tale parable about the ways humans seek redemption after devastating loss. Orianne de Premonville is one of Goolrick's most memorable characters, a fantastical creation woven of beauty, sorrow, and desperation. I won't soon forget her--or her otherworldly red Valentino gown. For fans of Goolrick's books (A RELIABLE WIFE, THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT), the two years since his last novel HEADING OUT TO WONDERFUL have been too long; though his newest novel THE FALL OF PRINCES is available in France, it has yet to appear in the United States. Until THE FALL OF PRINCES is published on this side of the pond, THE FINAL BALL OF ORIANNE DE PREMONVILLE will do brilliantly. It's a bittersweet confection.

This is Goolrick doing what he does best. It's a story filled with sadness and hope. It will affect you, and that's the most anyone can ask a storyteller to do.

Proust and Balzac come to mind and I just can't mention the ending but there are tears of sadness and tears of joy for any sensitive reader. I'm forced to think of the Ile Saint Louis and of the Comtesse Jacqueline de Ribes, my own vision of Orianne.

Goolrick has such a knack for luring readers into his self-contained universes it's easy to get lost in his writing. This is yet another charming example of his masterful storytelling - thoughtful, vulnerable, and resonant with rich characters and luxe settings.

I'm a Robert Goolrick's addict. This novel is another gem, with lights and darkness. With some reflects of our lives. Thanks Robert for this amazing gift.

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