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內容概要

"I don't understand why I wanted to kill you"

Out of a baseball game that nearly becomes a religious war, two Jewish boys become friends. Danny comes from the strict Hasidic sect that keeps him bound in centuries of orthodoxy. Reuven is brought up by a father patiently aware of the twentieth century. And, as six millions Jews go to their deaths in Europe and the state of Israel first draws breath, their friendship is battered by conflicting loyalties and beliefs.

就像一見鍾情一般，兩個孩子在一個棒球賽互相吸引，可惜最初互為仇敵，他們對彼此都有一種不可抗拒的吸引。兩個男子孩子都是居於美國的猶太人，他們信奉兩個互相矛盾的猶太教，同樣戴著猶太教帽子，但信念教條卻不相同，他們意識彼此的感情就像孿生弟兄一樣，流著相同的血，追求精神境界，可是一個生於少數極端流派的拉比世家，命中注定他要世襲成為拉比，他卻暗暗堅持夢想掙脫傳統教條的枷鎖，成為一個擁有關於思想的心理學家。另一個則是一個傳統猶太教學者教授的兒子，他卻希望成為一位偉大的拉比，他們都對知識、宗教、信念不斷追求，不過在彼此顯赫的家庭宗教背景下，他們的友情卻受到監視和考驗，他們的友情亦代表了兩個矛盾的流派的角力。世界大戰爆發，以色列復國，大量猶太人被殺，他們的友誼在大世代被考驗。友情、理想在宗教家庭之下，他們要選擇去選擇，或去被選擇。

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作者簡介

Chaim Potok was born and educated in New York. After being ordained as a rabbi, he took a Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a chaplain with the US Forces in Korea from 1955 to 1957. Chaim Potok is married and has two daughters and a son.

His novels: *The Chosen*, *The Promise*, *In the Beginning*, *The Book of Lights*, *My Name is Asher Lev*, *The Gift of Asher Lev* and *I Am The Clay*, have all been published by Penguin. He is also the author of *Wanderings*, a history of the Jews; of a children's book, *The Tree of Here*; and of three plays, *Out of the Depths*, *Sins of the Father* and *The Play of Lights*.

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- 1、很讽刺
- 2、 I want to translate this book! The book makes me ponder the choice between a great soul and a great mind.

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