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An ambitious, exuberant new novel moving from north west London to West Africa, from the multiaward-winning author of White Teeth and On Beauty Two brown girls dream of being dancers - but only one, Tracey, has talent. The other has ideas: about rhythm and time, about black bodies and black music, what constitutes a tribe, or makes a person truly free. It's a close but complicated childhood friendship that ends abruptly in their early twenties, never to be revisited, but never quite forgotten, either...Dazzlingly energetic and deeply human, Swing Time is a story about friendship and music and stubborn roots, about how we are shaped by these things and how we can survive them. Moving from north-west London to West Africa, it is an exuberant dance to the music of time.**Praise for Zadie Smith:**'Smith is the most naturally gifted young novelist around - with a fastidious ear for dialogue and a lethally quiet comic touch. Above all, she can move us' Times Literary Supplement' [Smith] packs more intelligence, humour and sheer energy into any given scene than anyone else of her generation' Sunday Telegraph'Her dialogue sings and soars; terse, packed and sassy. Smith is simply wonderful: Dickens's legitimate daughter' Independent on *NW*<sup>C</sup>aptivating. Funny, sexy, weird, full of acute social comedy. [Zadie Smith] is up there with the best around' Evening Standard on NW'Intensely funny, richly varied, always unexpected. A joyous, optimistic, angry masterpiece. No better English novel will be published this year' Daily Telegraph on *NW*<sup>•</sup>Exceptionally accomplished... Smith displays a remarkable talent for embracing all the possibilities of language, and time and again she produces images that shout out in their brilliance... An outstanding novelist' Observer on On Beauty'Like Forster, Smith possesses a captivating authorial voice - at once authoritative and nonchalant, and capacious enough to accommodate high moral seriousness, laid-back humour and virtually everything in-between' New York Times on On BeautyPressestimmen Publisher's description. Dazzlingly energetic and deeply human, Swing Time is Zadie Smith's most ambitious novel yet: a story about friendship and music and true identity, how they shape us and how we can survive them. Moving from north-west London to West Africa, it is an exuberant dance to the music of time. (Penguin)

Zadie Smith is the best writer of our generation, and *Swing Time* is her best book to date. As the title promises, the novel swings and pulsates with life, filled with emotion, excited by intellect and haunted by sadness. What a miracle that literature can still do things other forms of art cannot. What a miracle that Zadie Smith is among us, writing. (Gary Shteyngart)

[Smith] packs more **intelligence**, **humour and sheer energy** into any given scene than anyone else of her generation (*Sunday Telegraph*)

Zadie Smith's finest novel. Extraordinary, virtuosic... The novel does what only literature can and what only *great* literature will: forces us to assess the very vocabulary with which we speak of human experience (*Observer*)

Endlessly satisfying... [Zadie Smith] has never written better. Pitch-perfect, masterful and sophisticated (*Telegraph*)

Zadie Smith at her finest... [An] unflinching portrait of friendship... [A] triumph (Guardian)

Ingenious, inspired... Zadie Smith's new novel is very good indeed (Sunday Times)

Shrewd observation and sly satire, profundity and genuine purpose, as well as some of the most heartstoppingly lyrical writing of her career (*Scotland on Sunday*)

A powerful story of lives marred by secrets, unfulfilled potential and the unjustness of the world... interwoven with another beautiful story of the dances people do to rise above it all (*Economist*)

Clever, funny, confident and kind. Her gift for language is a pleasure and her character shines through *(Evening Standard)* 

A sweeping meditation on race and identity... [Smith's] most ambitious work yet (Esquire)

A nuanced, richly rewarding tale (*Mail on Sunday*) Kurzbeschreibung **Book of the Year 2016:** 

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