

Details of a Sunset and Other Stories

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Details of a Sunset and Other Stories, “the last raisins and petit-beurre toes from the bottom of the barrel”, as he wrote to Gleb Struve (*VNSL* 548), was the final collection of stories and the final book published in Nabokov’s lifetime. In his foreword, he calls the 13 stories (all originally in Russian) the last “meriting to be Englished”, meaning that after 20 years and four volumes of stories, there were still some in Russian that hadn’t been translated and published in book form. That was rectified with *The Stories of Vladimir Nabokov* in 1995. Yet, even that volume was incomplete. As it moved through its paperback printings, it acquired further tracked-down and translated stories: “Easter Rain” in 2002; “The Word” in 2006; and, “Natasha” in 2008.

All of the stories had first appeared in émigré newspapers and periodicals. Nabokov and his son Dmitri began translating the stories in April 1973 and completed the job by his birthday in 1975 (*VNSL* 550).

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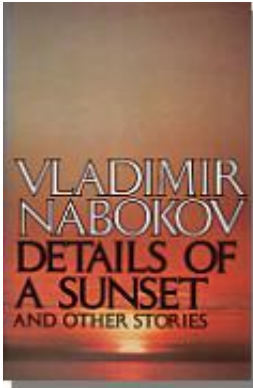
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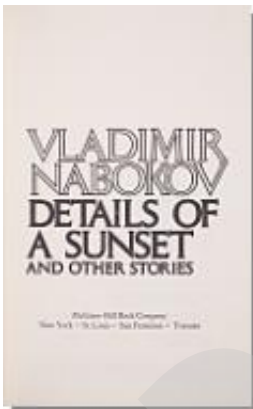
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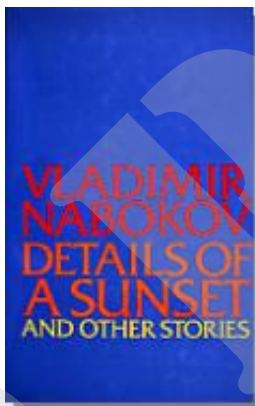
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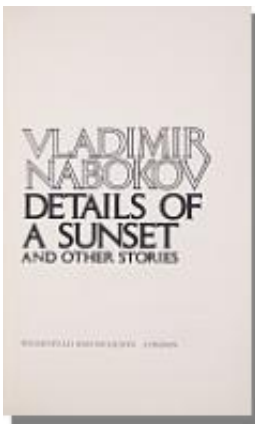
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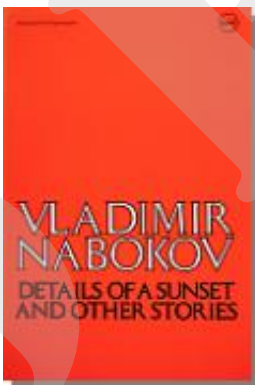
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