

A VERY INNOCENT MAN

BY EDWARD BELFAR

Life's going great for Dr. Robert Rosen. He has a New York City medical practice, his dreams of TV fame as "Dr. Sober-Up" are coming true, and he's making big bucks selling oxycodone prescriptions for cash. What can go wrong?

Lots. His opioid side business includes selling prescriptions to a bogus pain clinic run by Russian mobsters who have their own plans for the good doctor. His practice begins to spiral downward, and finally it all collapses when and he is arrested by the FBI. Out on bail, he can't work, he is hemorrhaging money, and the prospect of spending a long stint in prison looms.

There's only one thing to do: reinvent himself as a life coach and motivational speaker.

A Very Innocent Man is a darkly comic novel that, as with all good satire, may not be so absurd after all.

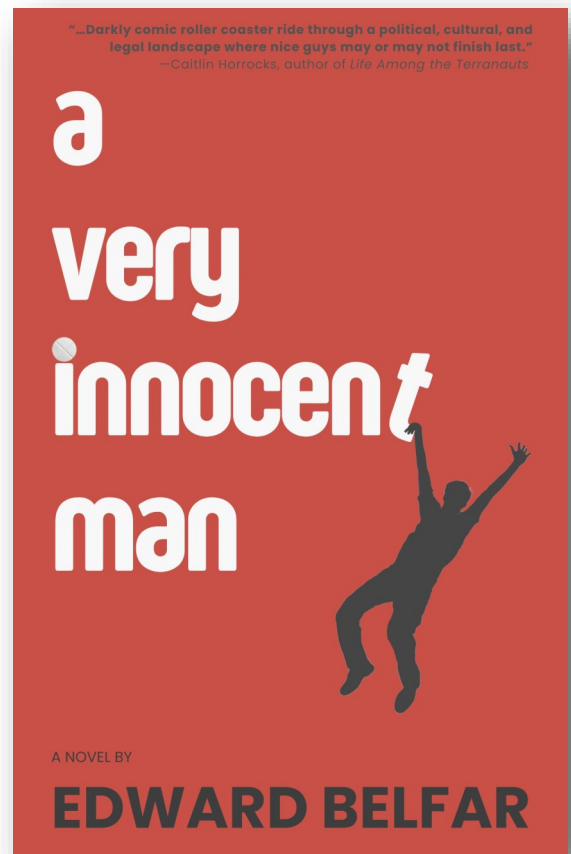
Edward Belfar's twisted redemption story perfectly mirrors the well-earned cynicism of our times. Highly recommended.

—Kathy Fish, author of *Wild Life: Collected Works*



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