



# The Natural Order of Things

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A novel the Los Angeles Times Book Review called a work of poetic and erotic genius from a master navigator of the human psyche, *The Natural Order of Things* is a tale of two families and the secrets that bind them. The voices of his characters -- an army officer being tortured in prison on charges of conspiracy an elderly man, once a miner in Mozambique, now reduced to dreams of flying underground a diabetic teenage girl and the middle-aged husband she despises the officers illegitimate sister, locked away to haunt the house like Bertha Rochester in *Jane Eyre* -- create a portrait of a disintegrating Portugal, a personal political history that attains the brilliance and surreality of Elias Canetti and Nikolai Gogol.

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