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*By turns elegiac and comic, American Meteor is a novel of adventure, ideas, and mourning: a unique vision of America’s fabulous and murderous history.*

**Norman Lock** is the award-winning author of novels, short fiction, and poetry, as well as stage, radio, and screenplays. His recent works of fiction include the short story collection *Love Among the Particles*, a *Shelf Awareness Best Book of the Year*, and the first book of the *American Novels* series: *The Boy in His Winter*, a re-envisioning of Mark Twain’s classic *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, which Scott Simon of *NPR’s Weekend Edition* hailed for “mak[ing] Huck and Jim so real you expect to get messages from them on your iPhone.” He lives in Aberdeen, New Jersey.

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