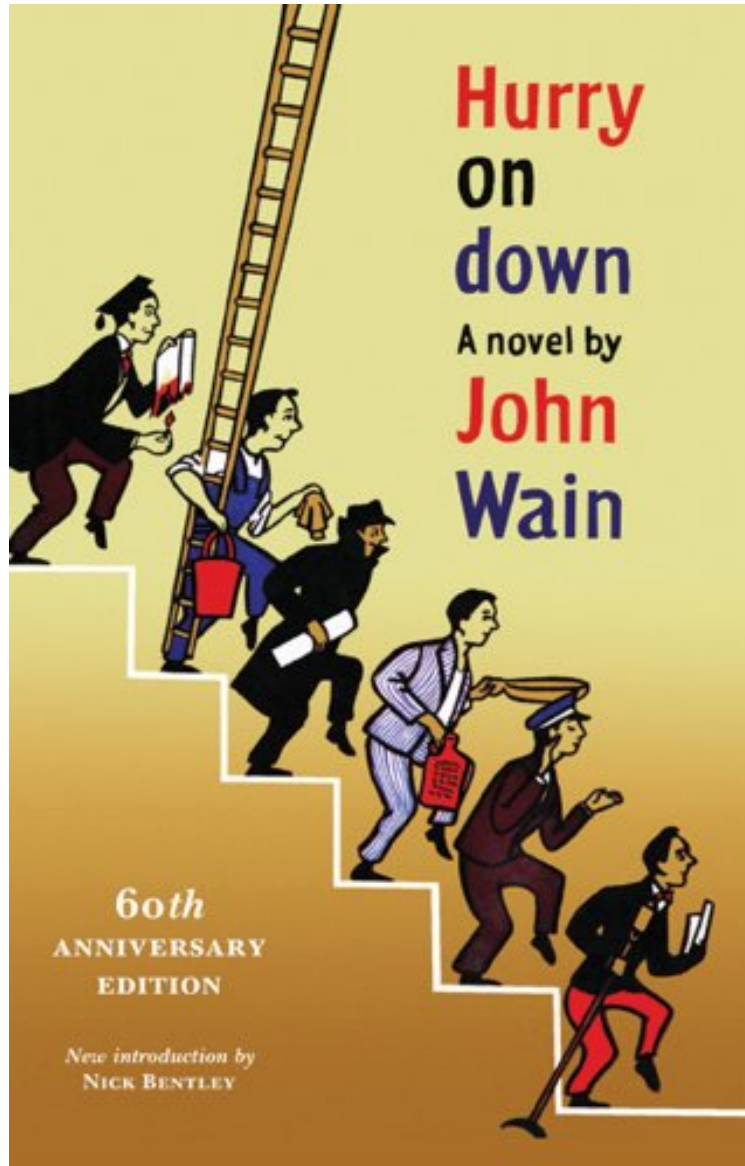


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Synopsis Fresh from university, after a dismal 3-week stay in Stotwell and a brush with his future in-laws, Charles Lumley decides to escape. He becomes in turn window-cleaner, drug-runner, chauffeur, bouncer and radio gag-writer in his picaresque progress through 1950s Britain.