

The ANGRY ANGEL

by Lajos Zilahy

Author of *The Dukays*

The readers of Lajos Zilahy's *The Dukays* will remember it as utterly unlike any other work of fiction of recent years. *The Angry Angel* is another such book. Reading it will be an especially rich and rewarding experience for those who will meet for the first time the magnificence, the wit, the excitement, the insight and the pure entertainment of the famous Zilahy style.

Against the panorama of living history in one of the world's most exciting cities, Budapest, the author has written a story of remarkably vivid description and dramatic action.

The pages of *The Angry Angel* teem with fascinating people—people human enough to win our sympathy and understanding, and colorful and unusual enough to make this book superbly absorbing reading. Among them, you will meet:

Zia—the beautiful countess, whose beauty, charm and humor captivated all those around her, but who bore the heavy heritage of the Dukay name.

Mihaly Ursi—handsome miner's son, brilliant astronomer, liberal intellectual, courageous underground fighter, in whom devotion to principle warred with his great love for Zia Dukay.

Marja—whose langorous body and smouldering eyes made her Vienna's most celebrated courtesan. Her hopeless love for a Soviet officer sent her to work as "Sister Hilda" among the sick.

Rere—first-born of the Dukays, with the strength of a giant, the soul of a saint, and the mind of a very young child.

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Grubi—the fat, goodnatured retainer who had been privy to old Count Dupi's innumerable seductions, and now found himself playing his most dangerous game with the secret police.

Countess Kristina—Zia's slim-waisted sister, living in a dream world, surrounded by her unfinished manuscripts and unfulfilled hopes.

These characters play their roles in brilliant scenes of dangerous underground assignments alternating with fabulous amusements enjoyed by Europe's wealthiest aristocrats. But this is a book to read and not to read about. It is writing rarely met with today—on an Olympian scale, as broad and fascinating as the world in which the Dukays lived.

The Author

Lajos Zilahy is Hungary's foremost novelist. His books have been translated into every European language, from Norwegian to Turkish. Two of his plays have had Broadway productions, and two have been made into movies.

Of Lajos Zilahy's previous novel

The Dukays

the critics said:

"Once in a blue moon a book comes along which leaves the reader breathless. . . Here is one that has everything . . . all the grandeur and brilliance of the pomp and physical propinquity of living history. . ."

The Literary Guild

"Immensely entertaining . . . sometimes humorous, sometimes ribald, always fascinating . . . vivid and sumptuous . . ."

The New York Herald Tribune Book Review

"A tremendously fine novel, rich in color, deep in its meaning . . . in spots it can be compared to no other book than *War and Peace*. . ."

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