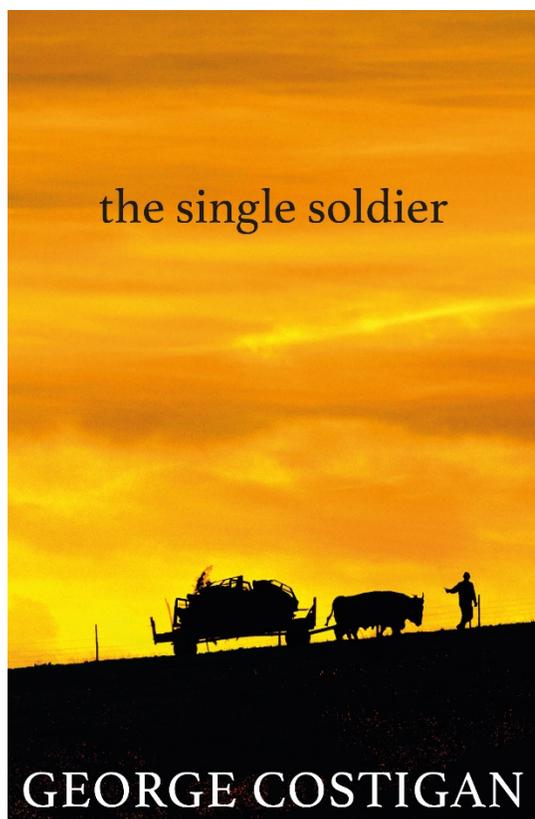


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“The cow pulling the cart laden with another day’s work. Stone, again. And walking beside his work, the man, wearing horse-blinkers. His clothes grey with embedded dust, his beard and hair too. His pace never changed. Slow.”

It is said that home is where the heart is, but when war rips a young man from everything he knows and loves, will he be able to find his way back to what truly matters?

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George Costigan has been a motor-parts storeman, a trainee accountant, another trainee accountant (both failed) a steel-worker, an insurance clerk, a wood-cutter, a bookseller, a record salesman, a book-keeper for a wedding-dress business - and then someone asked him to be in a play. Best known for Rita, Sue and Bob Too and more recently Happy Valley, his acting career has included working with Sally Wainwright, Willy Russell, Alan Clarke and Clint Eastwood. He has directed Daniel Day-Lewis and Pete Postlethwaite, and his writing for the stage includes several Liverpool Everyman pub shows and 'Trust Byron', for which he was nominated for Best Actor at the Edinburgh Festival. He and partner Julia North have three sons and one grandson and live in York.

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