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After a car accident, a man hovering between life and death watches his life flash before his eyes.

At the wheel of his MG, a man in his early forties watches the landscape go by, recalling countless memories, when suddenly he crashes into a truck blocking the road. A few seconds of eternity ensue... Half-conscious, eyes closed, feelings pouring forth stronger than ever, and with them, memories: of everything he loved and might now leave behind, everything he might hold onto, change, do over. A magnificent and poetic variation on fleeting time and memory, a novel of rare precision. Paul Guimard delivers a shattering declaration of love for life and the things that make us who we are.

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