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*The Siege of Krishnapur* is a companion to *Troubles*, about the Easter 1916 rebellion in Ireland, and *The Singapore Grip*, which takes place just before World War II, as the sun begins to set upon the British Empire. Together these three novels offer an unequalled picture of the follies of empire.

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