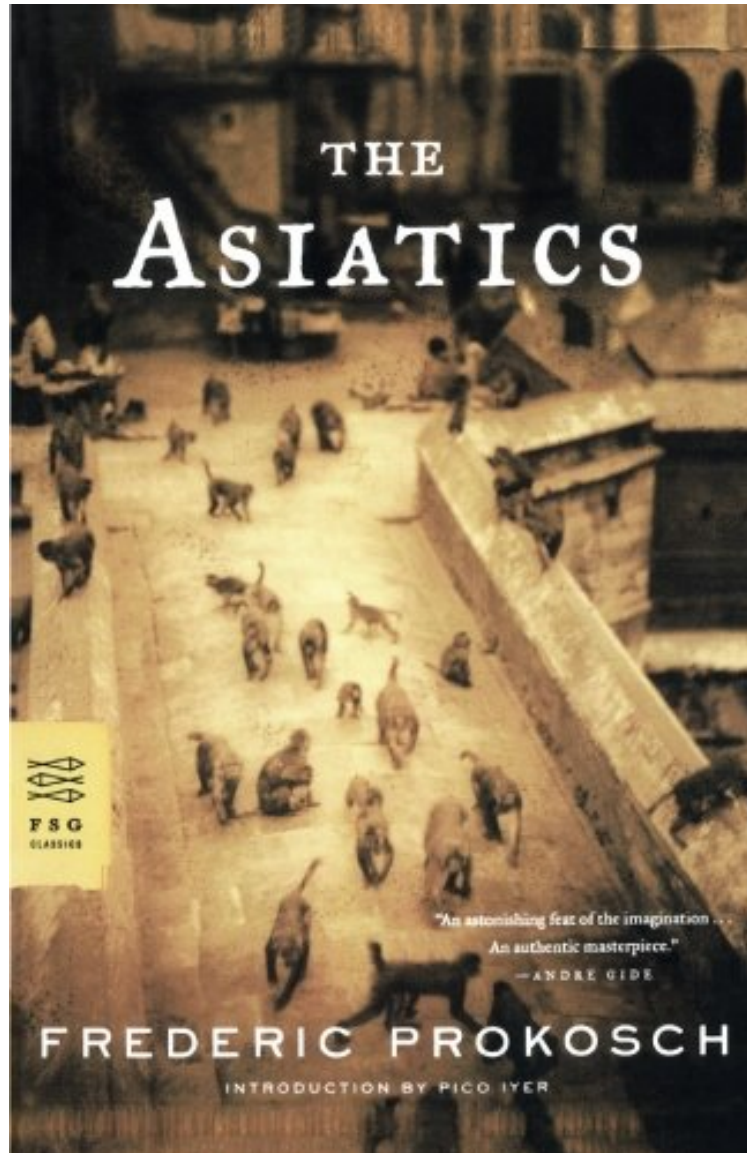


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About the Author
Frederic Prokosch (1908-89) was a distinguished American poet and novelist of the 1930s and 1940s. Among his other novels are *The Seven Who Fled* (1937) and *Night of the Poor*. Pico Iyer is the author of several books of travel and fiction, including *Night in Kathmandu*.