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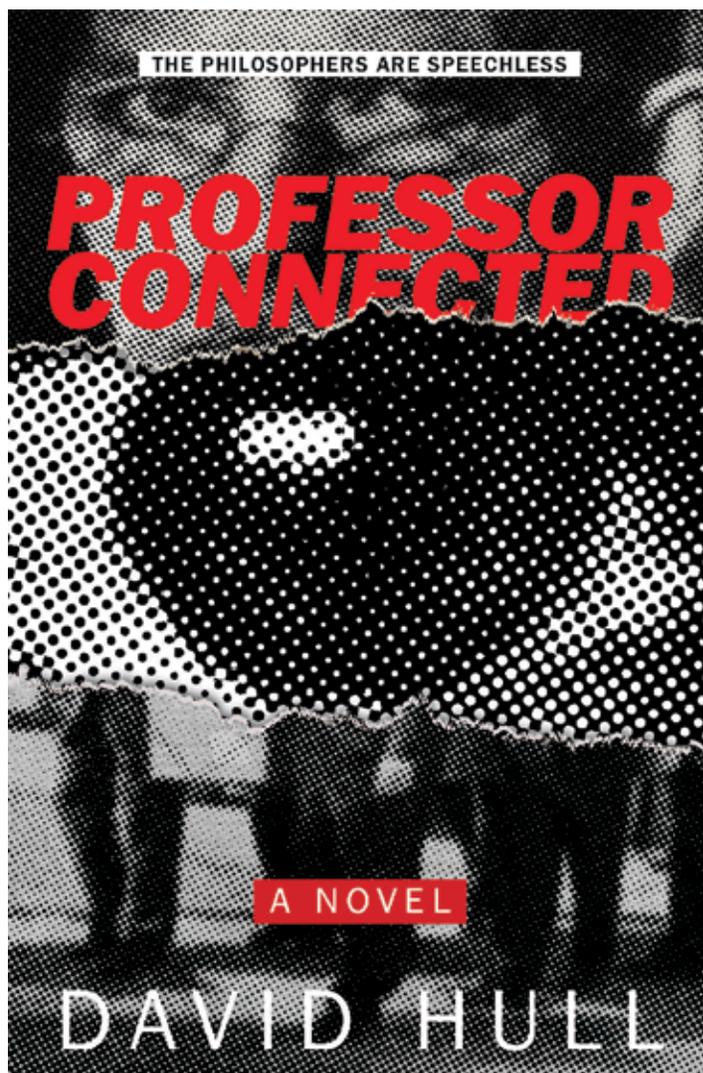
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On his first day of work Allen Smythe learns that Professor Mendel's annual comic performance is something darker than he'd believed. The truth makes him uncomfortable, as truth often does, an awkward admission for someone now paid to pursue it. One of his female students is making him uncomfortable too. As are whispers that an American superstar may take over the department: is Allen's beloved mentor, Gerhardt Gerber, planning to retire?

Then Gerber dies unexpectedly. In the battle of succession, one figure towers over the others: relentless, ambitious Frederick Ash. Allen believes he must honour Gerber's memory, and delves into his mentor's past and German youth. Meanwhile Ash's expansionary force stirs the earth: documents, relics and rumours surface and swirl.

When a mysterious stranger confides in Allen, he faces a sudden, agonizing choice. Should he reveal the secret his mentor took to the grave? Or stay silent, and thus become complicit in his death? In the aftermath of his dilemma he confronts one final shattering truth.

A laugh out loud comedy of bad manners, and a minor key tragedy of faith and doubt, *Professor Connected* melds the spirit of early Waugh or Amis *père* with the moral world of Boll and Grass, offering European unity in its most viable form, the debut Canadian novel.



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