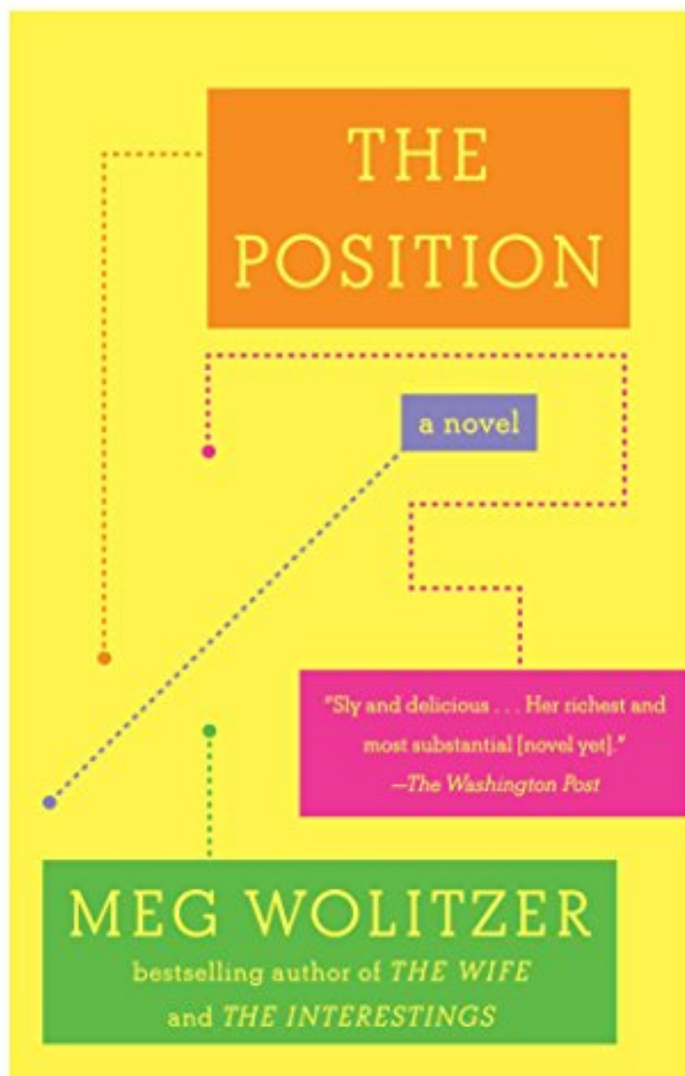


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Description :

Prsentation de l'diteurMeg Wolitzers hilariously moving, sharply written novel (USA TODAY), hailed by critics and loved by readers worldwide, with its dead-on observations about sex, marriage, and the family ties that strangle and bind (Cleveland Plain Dealer).Crackling with intelligence and humor, The Position is the masterful story of one extraordinary family at the hilarious height of the sexual revolutionand through the thirty-year hangover that followed. In 1975, Paul and Roz Mellow write a bestselling Joy of Sex-type book that mortifies their four school-aged children and ultimately changes the shape of the family forever. Thirty years later, as the now dispersed family members argue over whether to reissue the book, we follow the complicated lives of each of the grown children and their conflicts in love, work, marriage, parenting,

and, of course, sex all shadowed by the indelible specter of their highly sexualized parents. Insightful, panoramic, and compulsively readable, *The Position* is an American original. From Publishers Weekly: Neurotic siblings and embarrassing parents are familiar (even required) elements of the literature of suburban nostalgia and malaise. Wolitzer (*Surrender*, *Dorothy*; *The Wife*) doesn't tamper with these basic ingredients in her latest novel, but she gives them a titillating twist. Paul and Roz Mellow are enthusiastically in love so much so that in 1975 they write a how-to sex book, *Pleasuring*, that features illustrations of them in every imaginable position. The book becomes a runaway bestseller. When the children find the book and read it together, they're forever traumatized, in ways both serious and comedic.

Flash forward 30 years: Paul and Roz are long divorced and remarried, and Paul, in particular, remains bitter; the grown children fumble through their lives on the eve of the publisher's reissue of the sex classic. The oldest, Holly, has settled into late motherhood after a lifetime of nomadic drug-taking; uptight Michael suffers from chronic depression; Dashiell, a gay Log Cabin Republican speechwriter, is diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease; and insecure late-bloomer Claudia returns to her Long Island hometown to finally figure out how to be a fully functioning adult. If the characters are rather stock, and the musings on love, sex and family familiar, Wolitzer nevertheless bestows her trademark warmth and light touch on this tale of social and domestic change. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From *The New Yorker*: Wolitzer's novel of sexual politics and family farce continues in the dark comic vein that she mined in "*The Wife*." In the ninetenseventies, at the height of the sexual revolution, a married couple, aptly named Mellow, publish a liberated sex manual that features pictures of themselves and includes a sexual position "Electric Forgiveness" that they claim to have invented. The manual becomes an epochal best-seller. The publication, decades later, of a new edition of the notorious classic is a catalyst for a plot that examines the effects of this legacy on the adult children of the Mellows, who are now divorced.

These effects are variously hilarious, disabling, painful, embarrassing, and, ultimately, empowering. Wolitzer's comic timing never wavers, and she has an astute grasp of the way one generation's liberation inspires the next generation's pity. Copyright 2005 *The New Yorker*