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## ZSOLT NAGY KOPPÁNY

### Thou Shouldst Not Grow Old 2.0

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Office creeps, sluggish civil servants and barons of the private sector: such are the characters of Zsolt Nagy Koppány's new novel. With vitriolic humour and brisk accuracy, *Thou Shouldst Not Grow Old 2.0* creates a grotesque world with an ominous resemblance to the present day. Hungry for sex and love, János Fényező Nagyjuhász ekes out his life in the Office for Salt and Other Sprinkling Materials, indulging in the odd office intrigue, but even he cannot know what the future holds for him.

This one book actually consists of three novels: an account of youth, manhood and old age, by turns bitter, funny, and sympathetic. After the high hopes of the young man, the bitter-sweet anguish of starting a family, what can a man expect midway through his mortal life? In Zsolt Nagy Koppány's dystopia we root for the victim struggling for survival in the hunt (literally) for old people.

"Thou shouldst not have been old till thou hadst been wise", says the Fool to King Lear. Will János Fényező Nagyjuhász get old at the right time, will he still have the chance to grow old meaningfully? The answers are there on the pages of this book.

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