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The last years of the great French composer's life as envisioned by "the master magician of the contemporary French novel" ("The Washington Post") A bestseller in France, "Ravel" is a beguiling and original evocation of the last ten years in the life of a musical genius, written by the acclaimed novelist Jean Echenoz, winner of the Prix Goncourt.

The book opens in 1927 as Maurice Ravel--dandy, eccentric, and curmudgeon--voyages across the Atlantic aboard the luxurious ocean liner the France to begin his triumphant grand tour across the United States, where he will travel aboard such fabled trains as the "Zephyr," the "Hiawatha," and the "Sunset Limited," smoking his precious stash of Gauloises along the way.