



## The Scam Artist: The Other Bosch (Paperback)

By Caleb Ives Bach

Small Batch Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. In the late seventies, after three decades of postwar prosperity, the French Miracle has stalled, giving way to crippling strikes, protest marches, fuel shortages, and increased global competition. A wave of terrorism-bank heists, kidnappings, and assassinations-also plagues France. But ex-spy and New England schoolmaster Charlie Baker is unfazed. Aiming to escape his covert past by becoming a serious painter, he holes up in Paris s Left Bank, surviving as a part-time journalist. Soon enough he s embroiled in the theft of the famous painting, L Escamoteur (The Conjurer), by Hieronymus Bosch, in which a con man dupes an unwitting victim. While the thieves demand ransom for the painting s return, Baker comes to question its authenticity and sets out to identify the real-life scam artist who tried to pass himself off for the master. Along the way, Baker s own murky history catches up with him. The Scam Artist: The Other Bosch, Caleb Bach s sequel to Shadowing Botticelli s Beauty, weaves true-to-life encounters with famous Latin American writers and musicians with recent fi ndings regarding the native son from...

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