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That mysterious play which extends from love of a body to a love of an entire person has seemed to me noble enough to consecrate to it one part of my life. Marguerite Yourcenar, Memoirs of Hadrian //

The technique of a great seducer requires a facility and an indifference in passing from one object of affection to another which I could never have; however that may be, my loves have left me more often than I have left them, for I have never been able to understand how one could have enough of any beloved. The desire to count up exactly the riches which each new love brings us, and to see it change, and perhaps watch...

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This is a book that I don't think I would have read if it weren't for Goodreads. I probably would never have even heard of it. Technically, I suppose this obscure novel would be considered historical fiction, but that's misleading. It is that, but it is also biography, philosophy, meditation, poetry. Hadrian was Emperor...