

## Joshua Clover

### THE NOVEL

A train passing through a blue forest; a dress falling to the field's floor; blue hair falling through the field; safe in your cerule mnemon; the mendicanted men; the blue prayer; the Blue Mosque prayer; the prayer for sleep; the one ending History sleep yours is mine; the one never finished; the one never started; the one broken by rumors of war; the one broken by war; the one for pilgrims; one that starts A train blurring through a blue forest; safe in your cerule mnemon; one blue-tress'd and lately bluely endress'd; one you wanted more each morning to betray before coffee made you right again; against a wall pleading *not yet, not yet*; singing with a stone in her mouth; the one abandoned in the midst of A train blurring along a blue field; one beginning Umbrellas of sunlight confabulate and fall; the much better one beginning (after your return) Sombreros of sunlight; how the scissors hovered above the hair but in the sun; how the blue dress fell all night; the lesson and how it was learned; the blue dress in a field in a blue forest; five cornflower blue Octobers left in the field; left falling to the field's floor; sweet *azul medicina*; one beloved for this; another; the two coming *now* up against the hotel wall; on the way to *This book is not to be doubted*; how you could not feel that thought; how safe in your cerule mnemon nothing did not elude that blue heaven; and all that time the mark was upon me.