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unlocks the very real mysteries and complexities of our daily lives You're inventing out of a confluence of known facts and random ideas he says about the process of writing juxtaposing reality and abstractions and then wham You've got something brand new in your head and on the page You're functioning on a plane of existence you didn't know was possible That's creation and it's profound pleasure It's what you live for Readers of these interviews will be privy to another process as well the arduous but exciting process by which Kennedy has emerged as a major voice in contemporary letters His meteoric rise to fame in 1983 and his continuing popularity since are the stuff of drama and folklore In that year his novel *Ironweed* rejected earlier by thirteen publishers was finally published by Viking It earned him a MacArthur Award the New York Book Critics Circle Award and a Pulitzer Prize Governor Mario Cuomo honored him with the New York State Governor's Arts Award and declared that in Kennedy Albany had found its Homer Hollywood came calling and secured screen rights to *Ironweed* Legs and Billy Phelan's *Greatest Game* With Francis Ford Coppola Kennedy co-wrote the screenplay of *The Cotton Club* The career that lifted off with such dramatic momentum has shown no signs of flagging With steady regularity Kennedy continues to add to his Albany Cycle of novels as he experiments boldly with the craft of fiction

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