

Authentic Listening



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NEVIL SHUTE

Listen and answer the questions:

1. The main character of '*On The Beach*' is dying in Australia.
 - What has happened to him?
Why?
 - Has this book been made into a movie?
2. Where was Nevil Shute Noway born?
3. When did he die?
4. What did he do between 1922 and 1933?
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5. When did he publish his second book?
6. How many books did he write?
7. Under what name is his book "the Legacy" has been known?
8. How does his engineering background influence his writing?
9. From the point of view of the lecturer, what was Nevil Shute's main profession: the engineer or the writer?

Complete the summary:

Nevil Shute (10) _____ was born in England in (11) _____. After serving in (12) _____ and training at (13) _____ to be an aeronautical (14) _____ he worked in (15) _____ and dirigible companies. In 1939 he left (16) _____ Ltd, a company he'd (17) _____ to join (18) _____.

From 1938 till 1960, the year he died in (19) _____ he wrote 23 books, roughly one (20) _____.