



Succeeding at Sex and Scotland

Or the Case of Louis Morel



Acclaim for Hunter Steele's sixth novel

"A reading of Hunter Steele's astonishing *Succeeding at Sex and Scotland* prompts the conclusion that, in fiction as in politics, power devolved is power retained, and that the author's deconstruction of his own story, with the reader let in, apparently, on the whole act of its creation, is in truth but a new convention whereby he acquires a vast new range of opportunities for establishing and maintaining the reader's illusions . . .

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Ronald Binns, author of *Malcolm Lowry*

"Laurence Sterne meets Stendhal (with a touch of Irvine Welsh, and no doubt many others – even *Zettel's Traum*). This book really is a great achievement. Wringhim Knox always was my favourite character!"

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