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Harry Sinclair Lewis (1885–1951) was an American writer and playwright who, in 1930, became the first US writer to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature. He is best remembered for his novels *Main Street*, Babbitt and Arrowsmith, which attracted praise for their representation of working women, and for his 1935 novel cautioning against the rise of fascism in America, It Can't Happen Here.

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