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embarked on life as a freelance writer. Meanwhile he climbed mountains, played poker and wrote books about these pastimes which are now regarded as classics. **WHERE DID IT ALL GO RIGHT?** is his memorable, irreverent account of that journey.

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Al Alvarez touched down in Las Vegas one hot day in 1981, a dedicated amateur poker player but a stranger to the town and its crazy ways. For three mesmerizing weeks he witnessed some of the monster high-stakes games that could only have happened in Vegas and talked to the extraordinary characters who dominated

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them--road gamblers and local professionals who won and lost fortunes on a regular basis. Set over the course of one tournament, *The Biggest Game in Town* is both a chronicle of the World Series of Poker--the first ever written--and a portrait of the hustlers, madmen, and geniuses who ruled the high-stakes game

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ever written" (TimeOut [UK]).

The ponds of Hampstead Heath are small oases; fragments of wild nature nestled in the heart of north-west London. For the best part of his life Al Alvarez — poet, critic, novelist, rock-climber and poker player — has swum in them almost daily.

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An athlete in his youth, Alvarez, now in his eighties, chronicles what it is to grow old with humour and fierce honesty — from his relentlessly nagging ankle which makes daily life a struggle, to infuriating bureaucratic battles with the council to keep his disabled person's Blue Badge, the devastating effects of a stroke, and the

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When is it okay for a person to kill themselves? How have ideas about this

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changed over time, and how do they differ across cultures? How do Ireland's suicide rates, especially among its young men, compare to rates in other countries in Europe and beyond? Are we obsessed today with the idea of suicide? Is it possible to prevent suicide - and, if so, how? Should we try to prevent all

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suicides, or are there some that we should allow, regulate, even assist? Might some suicides be rational? How are families affected by suicide? What can they do if a family member is suicidal? How can they cope after a suicide? Are doctors able to identify which pregnant women are at high risk of killing themselves? Would

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and consequences of actual divorces

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