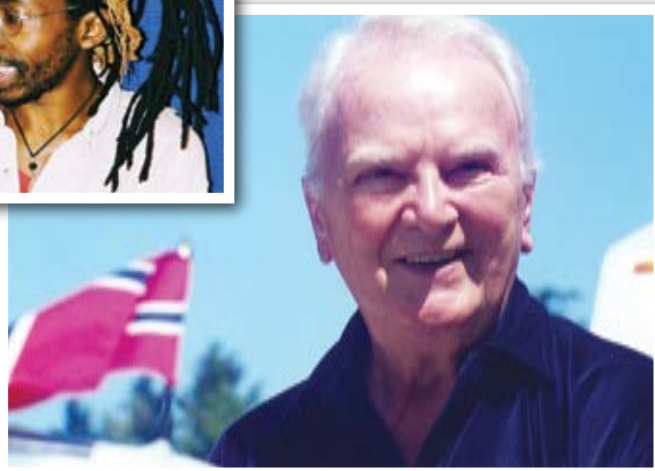




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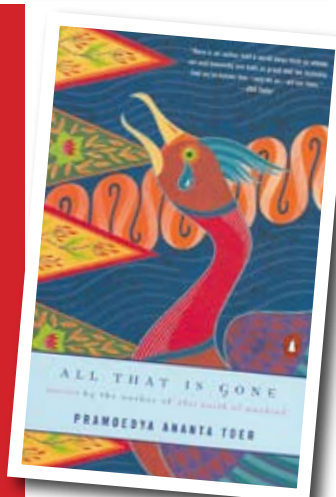
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—Joseph Brodsky
1987 Nobel Prize
acceptance speech



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