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*This first book I've written is dedicated to my parents.  
No sequence of sentences, no short narrative can explicate their presence  
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Because I am him they made, this book is also theirs.*

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