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What Smiled at Him

By Colin Dodds

Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 283 pages. Childhood friends Lynn and Marv, now in their late twenties, have taken different roads. One is a struggling musician, the other a salesman for a software company. One night far from home, a mix of alcohol, recklessness and coincidence reunite them with Caroline, the longtime object of their desires. Married into a wealthy Chicago family and unhappy, she begins an affair with Marv. A few weeks later, when Caroline is arrested and charged with murdering her husband and infant son, the unwelcome mystery pursues the friends through their searches for love, stabs at success, self-destructive lapses and leads one of them to his death. What Smiled at Him is an unorthodox, contemporary mystery in which the protagonists have the means to solve a mystery, but flounder at the threshold of solving it. Praise for What Smiled at HimThe novel has an angry edge to it, recalling the spirit of the Beats. Many of the peripheral characters speak like prophets Marv and Lynn are just as self-aware as their supporting cast, and their abundance of wisdom sometimes stretches believability; its tempered, however, by the flaw of their continually self-destructive behavior. Watching them ignore their...



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