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From the Back Cover

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-- The New York Times Book Review

This novel, which suggests a brilliant mixture of William Blake and James M. Cain, established Denis Johnson as a major talent in American fiction, a promise confirmed in his later books *Fiskadoro* and *The Stars at Noon*. Jamie Mays and Bill Houston meet on a Greyhound bus. She is fleeing an unfaithful husband and lugging two travel-stained children. He is on the rebound from stints in jail and the navy and looking for "high old times." Together, they make an aimless tour of bus stations and cheap hotels from Pittsburgh to Phoenix, their momentum fueled by booze, rage, and corrosive need, their journey a trajectory that leads inexorably to a moment of shattering violence.

"A small masterpiece... prose of amazing power and stylishness."

-- Philip Roth

"A debut to be celebrated."

-- Washington Post Book World

About the Author

Denis Johnson is the author of *The Name of the World*, *Already Dead*, *Jesus' Son*, *Resuscitation of a Hanged Man*, *Fiskadoro*, *The Stars at Noon*, and *Angels*. His poetry has been collected in the volume *The Throne of the Third Heaven of the Nations Millennium General Assembly*. He is the recipient of a Lannan Fellowship and a Whiting Writer's Award, among many other honors for his work. He lives in northern Idaho.

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