



Autumn in the Abyss

By John Claude Smith

Paperback. Condition: New. 132 pages. When enigmatic poet Henry Coronado disappears six months after the New Years Eve, 1959, Welcoming Chaos event, he takes with him a profound secret wrapped within the words of his poem, Autumn In The Abyss. Fifty years later, an ill mans research into Coronados work and life reveals that poetry can indeed change the world, or leave it in ruins. The Word is a living thing and often with lethal intentions. Reality is the strangest mirror. . . The stories in John Claude Smiths new collection take their characters to the limits of human experience, the places where our bodies come asunder in the face of the abyss. Positioning his stories in the seams of our cultural history, Smith chronicles the efforts of artists of all stripes--poets, musicians, sculptors, filmmakers--to break through our common experience to another, more essential one that is painted in blood. Its a quest that draws these artists into proximity with the serial-killer in the books single and singular tale of a police detectives obsessive manhunt. Whether with pen or carving knife, Smiths characters will not stop until they have gone too far, into a space where revelation and terror are part...



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