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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Munson's funny, stoner-friendly debut follows high school senior Addison Schacht as he stumbles through the Washington, D.C., teenage underworld to investigate a classmate's unsolved murder. Schacht—a small-time pot dealer, consummate anti-social, and Jewish collector of Holocaust jokes—makes for a poor but entertaining detective, and when he places a stoned phone call to his prime suspect, Addison and his friends become caught up in the mystery he set out to solve. As Addison's sleuthing begins to unravel and his life crumbles along with it, his ramblings offer an interesting counter to, and often context for, his misguided attempt to discover the truth. Munson keeps things lightly dark, though his weakness for wandering asides—Addison is just as likely to riff on the *Aeneid*, Latin syntax, or his favorite movies as he is to discuss his investigation and efforts to outsmart the police—trips up the pace, even if they are what one would expect from a self-absorbed adolescent. The plotting could use some work, but Munson nails the voice. (Apr.)

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In response to a college-application question, high-school senior Addison produces this scathing mea culpa, which takes the form of a rambling, first-person rant. He's a pot dealer who prefers to keep acquaintances at an arm's length—his suppliers, customers, father, and even Digger, a girl who would be his girlfriend if only that had been part of their agreement. After a classmate falls victim to an apparently random homicide, Addison begins an obsessive investigation. His outer blankness of character (I have no personality to speak of, he insists) conceals a hyperintelligence that recklessly leads to a (rather hilarious) midnovel assault on the apparent killer. The book has every earmark of a debut—bratty, precocious, tangential, and in love with its own voice—yet Munson ably reminds us why such qualities are irresistible in the first place. Even his overreliance on italics reflects the fanaticism of a high-school brainiac. The plot's second half meanders, but if you buy into the voice, the retarded story (as Addison puts it) will be of secondary concern. --Daniel Kraus

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"It has the inventive, expansive flare of Michael Chabon's best writing and the highbrow-crime intrigue of a Donna Tartt book." (-- *Vanity Fair*)

"An existential murder mystery for the stoner pre-college set — Keanu Reeves's "River's Edge," as written by Camus. . . ." (-- *The New York Times*)

"Munson has written one of the funniest, most heartfelt novels in recent memory—a book every bit as worthy of Mark Twain and J. D. Salinger—about the goodwill and decency that sometimes shrouds itself in adolescent vulgarity and swagger." (-- *The Chicago Tribune*)

"Schacht really is Holden's amoral 21st-century cousin: He shares the profane slanginess and the petulant self-righteousness of Salinger's famous malcontent." (-- *The Washington Post*)

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