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The Boarding House

By Trevor, William.

Penguin. 1 Paperback(s), 2014. soft. Book Condition: New. William Wagner Bird has filled his boarding house with people whom society would never miss, in this 1965 novel from William Trevor. There was Nurse Clockugly, without the consideration to have a nice personality; Studdy, a petty thief who could never find anything petty enough; and Miss Clerricot, who wanted someone to make indecent suggestions, so that she could refuse. With misshapen bricks like these Bird built his peculiar home; then he finds he's dying, and everything starts to come apart. This dark comedy, Trevor's second novel, is reminiscent of Evelyn Waugh and Muriel Spark. A three-time winner of the Whitbread Award and four-time winner of the O. Henry Prize, as well as a four-time finalist for the Man Booker Prize and the winner of several lifetime achievement awards, Trevor is celebrated as a novelist, playwright, and master of the short story, "one of the elder statesman of the Irish literary world" (Guardian, London). "Trevor has a knack of slicing life so that it reveals lower layers we have not suspected." Daily Mail (London) 263.



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