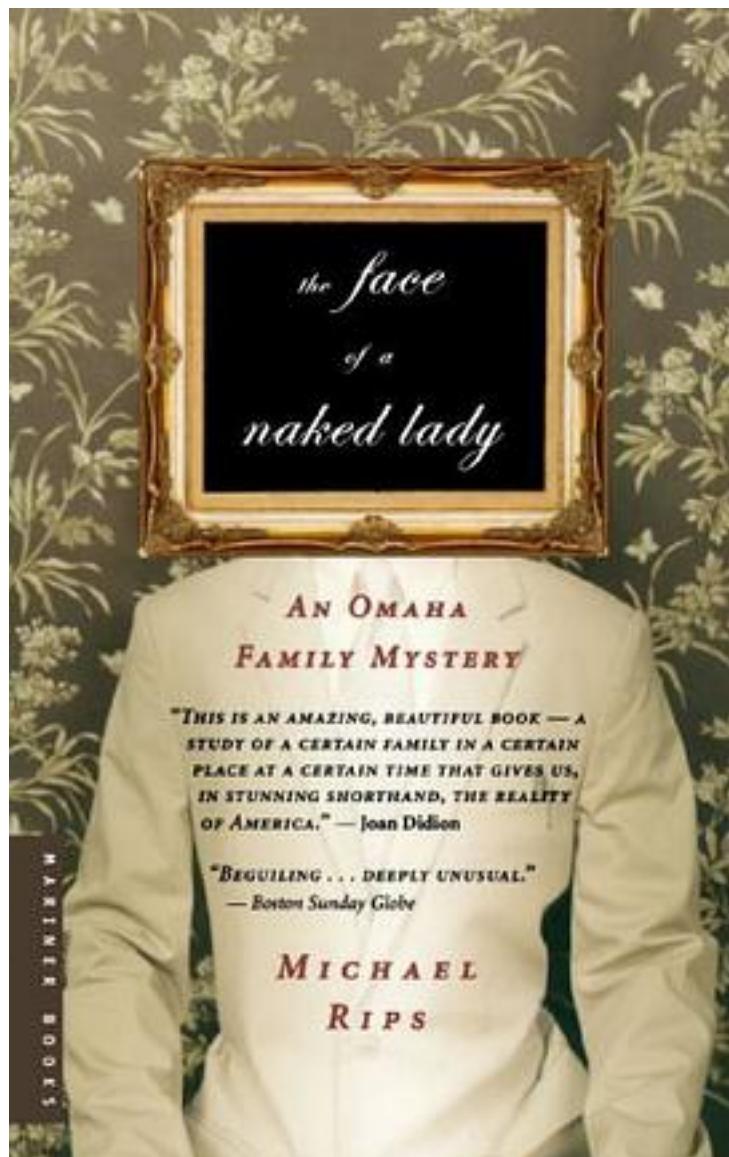


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In a strangely fascinating memoir that could be described as middle-American gothic, Michael Rips delves into the secret past of his family and their seemingly sleepy Nebraska hometown, exposing the eccentricities and surprises that lurk below the surface. Rips learns that his father was raised in a notorious brothel rumored to have Mob ties. From this point on, the revelations get stranger, with stories of a dead man who fell through a ceiling; a man who wears a prosthetic penis on his boot to attract the ladies; a homeless millionaire; and a chicken-abusing adolescent. Intertwining past and present, this disarming, absorbing memoir is framed by Rips's search to identify a woman who posed for one of his father's paintings years earlier.

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