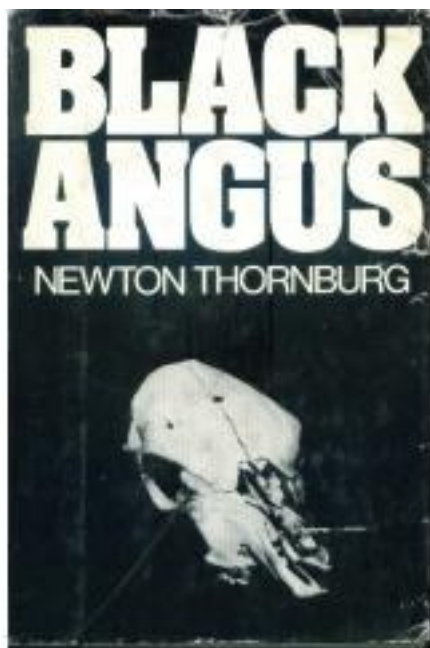


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In Black Angus, Newton Thornburg continues to explore the American scene with the same masterful style that critics acclaimed in To Die in California and Cutter and Bone. ("Shows how much can be done within a classic form by a writer who knows his business The best novel of its

kind in ten years." -- The New York Times.)

Powerfully and beautifully written, *Black Angus* tells the story of Robert Blanchard, a man who leaves his cushy job in the city to create a new and more meaningful life for himself and his family raising cattle on a ranch in the Ozarks. But from the beginning, like so many other American dreams, this one goes bad. Cattle prices fall.

Blanchard's herd is quarantined. His son develops asthma. His wife cannot adjust to country living and longs to return to the city. And Blanchard's retarded brother, Tommy, a thirty-four-year-old bearded child who plays through the teeming days -- even he senses that things are not as they once were.

Into this unhappy group breezes another fugitive from the city, Blanchard's old friend Shea, the "wizard of wind," an ex-advertising copywriter big enough to be a pro-football lineman but a pixie in his own mind, fun-loving and funny, alcoholic and violent by turns. Wanted by the police on charges of assault and nonsupport, he becomes for Blanchard the wrong man at the wrong time, the catalyst that sets him on a desperate course to save the ranch -- by rustling his own cattle.

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