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Hugh Storms is a Buffalo lawyer with an ordinary practice: some corporate work, occasional criminal stuff, lots of insurance. His wife ran off years ago with another man; their son Michael--a good boy but a troubled one who ran with a rough crowd--lived with Hugh until moving to New York City. From there he wrote letters about kicking drugs, taking acting lessons, getting his life together--until the day he was

murdered in his apartment upstairs from a used-books store in Greenwich Village.

When two months go by with no progress in the case, Storms comes to New York himself to investigate. It isn't long before he discovers his son's letters were lies: far from leaving the drug scene, Michael was pushing deeper and deeper into it. Storms methodically follows his son's trail into his son's (and the city's) netherworld, tracks down everyone Michael knew, until he has narrowed the case to a couple of suspects. He lays a trap but--in a chilling, heartbreaking ending--learns why neither he nor anyone else can bring the murderer to justice.

This is a suspenseful and totally absorbing novel, one that--like the work of George V. Higgins or William Kennedy--displays a stunning command of voice and mood and an extraordinary gift of portraying a teeming cityscape.

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