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McIlvoy's title refers to a station of the cross along Christ's route to Golgotha, and his story describes the collective passion of the McWelt family. With an alcoholic father and a mother who uses religion as an escape, the three McWelt sons grow up supporting one another with powerful but inarticulate love. At the steel mills, on the basketball courts, and in the neighborhood taverns of Meltenville, Illinois, these fraternal bonds are skillfully displayed. After the youngest brother dies inside a foundry smokestack, the two survivors are displaced both physically and emotionally and must forge new lives in the deserts of New Mexico. Though the scenes in Meltenville are strong and moving, those in New Mexico are slightly less effective. Albert E. Wilhelm, Tennessee Technological Univ., Cookeville

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