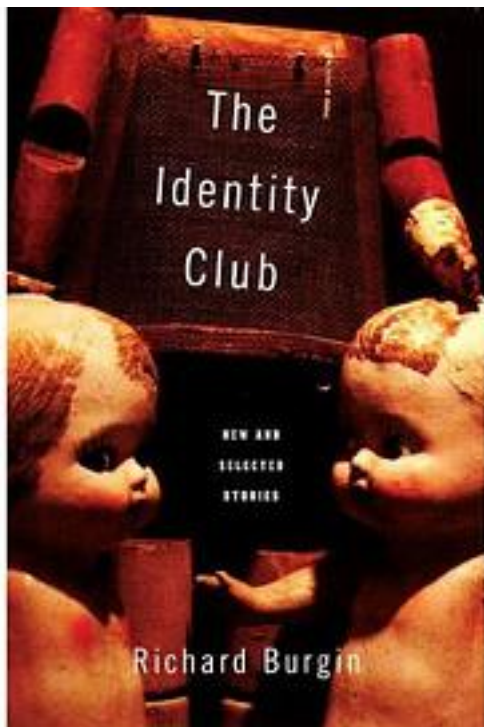


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In 20 stories (both new and selected from his four previous collections), Richard Burgin explores our quest for identity and love, truth and family, as well as darker themes of betrayal and crime. In "The Identity Club" we meet an extraordinarily variegated cast of characters, including prostitutes and businessmen, a famous young writer and a homeless basketball player, an ambitious but thwarted composer. There are love stories, murder stories, as well as stories of transcendence, both imagined and real. The 20 songs on the accompanying CD, while not directly related to the stories, express many of the same moods and emotions found in "The Identity Club," from the darkly lyrical to the exultant.

作者介绍:

Burgin, author of Ghost Quartet (1999) and editor of the literary magazine Boulevard, has gathered 20 of his short stories. Most were previously published, some in literary magazines and others in collections. The title story appears in Best Mystery Stories, 2005. Characters live lives of noisy desperation in a dark fictional universe populated by victims and victimizers--it's often unclear who's which. Lonely, alienated people act out bizarrely in violent encounters with strangers. They meet in bars, in parks, at parties, and when trolling the streets looking for prostitutes. In this cosmos, there are definitely no free rides. But despite the darkness of the worldview--possibly because of it--there is a fascination to these stories. Dreams shape lives. Twists in the middle of stories and at endings tantalize and keep readers off balance. And there's an ugly attraction to watching perverse characters enmeshed in urban angst. Recommend this book to fans of Alan Cumyn and Robley Wilson. The publication also includes a CD of Burgin's music and miscellanea.

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