

Gone Tomorrow



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The fiction surprise of 2008 heralded by "The New York Times" as a sharply observed yet tender novel and a quirky, tart yet unexpectedly generous story, finally in paperback Kluge's brilliant novel tells of George Canaris, a writing professor who is on the verge of forced retirement at a small college in Ohio when he is killed by a hit-and-run driver. Kluge's creation of Canaris as the first faculty member in half a century whose death merits an obituary in the New York Times is right on the money. A writer, a critic, a professor, a campus legend and a national figure, the very embodiment of the liberal arts, the fictional "Times" obituary said. And a mystery. Canaris, hero and anti-hero, was the author of two well-received novels and a book of essays, all published more than thirty years ago. Taken together, they were the beginnings of an impressive shelf to which, in all his years in Ohio, he added nothing. Compared to Faulkner and Dos Passos at the start of his career, the "Times" observed, in the end Canaris resembled Harper Lee. With a book listed among the 100 greatest novels of all time, decades separating Canaris from the hefty advance taken on his next book "The Beast," which was to be his masterpiece and not a page to show of it, Canaris is a great fictional creation and an enigma. Inevitably, speculation grows that the book was a myth, a lie, a joke. Every passing year made skeptics more confident. But never certain. Upon his death, Mark May, a young English professor who

barely knew him finds himself named as Canarisas literary executora] executor of what is unclear. Thus begins a search through lives and letters that is at once gripping, hilarious and affirming. A true page-turner, P.F. Klugeas "Gone Tomorrow," is equal parts Richard Russo and Michael Chabon, and yet entirely unlike anything youave ever read.

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