

The Black Eye



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During the waning months of World War II, sharp-tongued Eugenia Gates accepts Mary Fredon's invitation to borrow her apartment for an unexpected two-week vacation. Mary herself is away recuperating from her own unexpected development -- her colorless husband Homer apparently has skipped town with Betty, the wife next door who, unlike Mary, shares his interest in Egyptology. Unknown to Eugenia, the disconcerted Mary has also offered the use of the apartment to army sergeant Kendall Smith for his furlough. Eugenia wants to rest, the sergeant wants to party, and Lucy, the

batty chaperone Mary sends when she realizes her mistake, is more interested in snooping than in keeping the sergeant from pursuing Eugenia. Other residents of the building join in their partying, including an undertaker only too eager to share the intimate details of his craft and the rakish husband of the straying spouse from next door, who seems more interested in locating a lost eye than in the whereabouts of his wife. Mary returns in time to see a murder committed and to express alarm at her guest's untidy ways, prompting Eugenia to offer a heartfelt soliloquy on the dangers of housework. Besides, why bother about dust and crumbs when bodies are being found under beds, nestled in armchairs, or tucked away in vegetable bins?

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评论

与上次看的Black Honeymoon相比，本作就太冗长了，前十章几乎让我昏昏欲睡，倒了后面节奏才渐渐加快。整个案子基本在一层公寓中进行，却又不给平面图什么的，阅读体验不是很愉快，最后那三大章的推理还是蛮加分的，但反转也不够给力，总体是一本让我比较失望的作品~

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