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The Place of Dead Roads

By Burroughs, William.

Fourth Estate. 1 Paperback(s), 2010. soft. Book Condition: New. Set in the Old West, William Burroughs's surreal fable from 1983 features a cast of notorious characters: the Crying Gun, who breaks into tears at the sight of his opponent; the Priest, who goes into gunfights giving his adversaries the last rites; and the Nihilistic Kid himself, Kim Carson, who, with a succession of beautiful sidekicks, sets out to challenge the morality of small-town America. With a narrative of fantastical proportions and a rich, dry, growling humor, Burroughs continues his satirical exploration of society's controlling forces."Burroughs' voice is hard, derisive, inventive, free, funny, serious, poetic, indelibly American, a voice in which one hears transistor radios and old movies and all the clichés and all the cons and all the newspapers, all the peculiar optimism, all the failure." Joan Didion 268.


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