



The Rites of Summer (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Meet Dicky Williams, a small-town terror growing up on Canada's east coast circa 1980. Hip and perceptive beyond his years, thirteen-year-old Dicky regularly cons, deals, lies and steals - anything to bring him cheap thrills in an increasingly existential world. It's the lazy days of summer, and Dicky's parents are off to the country for a weekend of reconciliation, leaving Dicky and his pals, the Owens brothers, to take full advantage of the liquor cabinet and wreak havoc upon the neighbourhood. With an eye on lucrative blackmail, the boys photograph a paedophilic priest in the midst of committing an act; create an uproar at their favourite restaurant; score drugs at an intersection; make fools of English tourists - all in an evening's work. Meanwhile in the country, Mr. and Mrs. Williams and their four-year-old daughter Gwendolyn seem to have entered the proverbial twilight zone. In a narrative bordering on slipstream, the couple has to deal with inexplicably stopped watches, a lurking stranger, and a mysterious metallic object discovered in the fancy log cabin in which...



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