



## The Anathemas: A Novel about Reincarnation and Restitution (Paperback)

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Outskirts Press, United States, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Reincarnation.heretical but inevitable In 553 AD, the pious ruler of the decaying Roman Empire, Justinian I, imprisoned Pope Vigilius until that pontiff consented to ratify the decrees of the Council of Constantinople called by the emperor. Thus, with the stroke of the papal pen was any Church member who believed that souls existed before the present body s birth or reincarnated after its death declared anathema: excommunicated, cast out. In the year 1879, the Philadelphian Richard Strawn, a man disowned by his Quaker brethren because he chose to serve as a medic in the Civil War, the ghastly memories of which he drinks to forget, has his equilibrium further tested. His teenage daughter, Jennifer, who has dreamed since childhood that she was once a fabulous queen and he was her royal partner, goes public with her story. Richard must either find some truth in Jennifer s assertion or concur with his wife, Lucinda, that their daughter is patently insane. Burying his head by day in work and at night at the pubs, he defers the decision, betting that time will either cure...



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