



The Stonemason: A Play in Five Acts

By Cormac McCarthy

Random House USA Inc, United States, 1995. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Vintage Intl.. 196 x 130 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. The Stonemason is a profoundly moving drama set in Louisville, Kentucky in the 1970s, concerning several generations of a black family. McCarthy's narrator, Ben, reveals a painful episode in his family's history, grounding us at the same time in the beautiful dynamic between him and his grandfather, Papaw. Ben, Ben's father, and Papaw are all stonemasons, but in descriptions of the trade we learn as much about this family's capacity for love as we do about constructing sound foundations for houses, barns and bridges. Papaw's knowledge about stonemasonry is analogous to his deep spiritual wisdom, and Ben recognizes both as he looks back on his apprenticeship in the trade at which I thought myself a master and of which I stood in darkest ignorance. And as I came to know him. As I came to know him. Oh I could hardly believe my good fortune. I swore then I'd cleave to that old man like a bride. I swore he'd take nothing to his grave. Papaw's son Big Ben and great-grandson...



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