

Owen & Dolores

a sketch
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"Owen and Dolores" is subtitled "a sketch", because the information that is recorded in this novel contains only the most superficial elements of the story, a skeletal narrative. It completely lacks the essential, motivating elements that drove the author to write it in the first place.

Owen and Dolores are siblings raised in rural Tennessee. They are devoted to each other until, at age eighteen, Owen runs away to discover the world on his own terms. After an absence of eleven years, Dolores receives a letter addressed to Owen, setting her off on a search, in which she exposes herself to a variety of unsavory risks, in pursuit of a brother who no longer exists.

This book exists. Its value lies in a reluctance to condemn to oblivion the countless other unrealized alternatives, which do not exist beyond vague intimations hidden between the lines in this book because the author chose, poorly or otherwise, to exert his finite time and energy on this particular work.

That a reader should devote some few hours of their time to reading such a testament is only modestly unfortunate, since, of course, there are many much less productive ways to pass the hours of the day.



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