



O`Hearn : A Novel

Greg Mulcahy



O'Hearn is the third novel by highly praised writer Greg Mulcahy, author of *Out of Work*, *Constellation*, and *Carbine*. Timely and mordantly sardonic, O'Hearn tells the story of the disintegration of a man's life refracted through the prism of his office life. Greg Mulcahy's new novel opens on a man suffering an accident at his workplace. His colleagues there are known, at least initially, only as O'Hearn and Minouche. In the aftermath of the incident, this trinity begins to fall apart. His career falls apart. His life falls apart. O'Hearn is the story of the story the man tells himself in confused chronology as he struggles to make sense of a world and a landscape where things have stopped making sense. The laws of causation are absent or profoundly obscured in this explanatory narrative, but then so is all individual motivation. Action seems to end only in a world of winners and losers and occurs solely to reinforce that world by further enriching the winners at the, sometimes willful, expense of the losers. O'Hearn is funny, contradictory, satiric, heartbreaking—a work unlike anything in our contemporary literature.

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