



The Dinner Party

By Fast, Howard

Houghton Mifflin Company, Wilmington, Massachusetts, U.S.A., 1987. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: New. From Library Journal: Senator and Dolly Cromwell are giving a dinner party. The guests are two high administration officials; Dolly's old-rich parents; Lenny and Elizabeth Cromwell, home from college; and a last minute addition, Lenny's friend Clarence, who "happens" to be black. To Dolly, planning a dinner party is like "creating a work of art," and this is clearly what the novel is supposed to be: a theatrical piece in which the author explores the burning issues of the day. The main issues are the Central American crisis, which is the reason behind the dinner party, and death, which is the reason Lenny has come home. He must tell his parents that he has AIDS. Unfortunately, Fast dilutes the intensity of this material by sending Clarence home early and by writing dialogue that reads more like rhetoric than conversation. Intellectual drama in the form of a dinner party is an intriguing idea for a novel, but here the elements fail to mesh. Donna L. Nerboso, N.Y.U. Lib. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Inside Flap The Bookcassette® format is a special recording...



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