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In a sequence of short chapters this impressive novel relates the consequences of the car crash in which the hero, 18-year-old Gabriel McCloud, is killed. It is a death which affects many in the brilliantly evoked small-town American community, but principally his pregnant girlfriend Jennie, now facing the dual task of coming to terms with a past tragedy and confronting an uncertain future. 'You're born, you live for a while, you die,' she reflects; but rarely, in this particular genre, has this observation been treated with such candour or poignancy. Stylistically and thematically, Grant brings a powerful and distinctive imagination to bear on the well-tried motif of young love cruelly devastated.

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