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Fragments of an Absence

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SYNOPSIS

"Fragments of an Absence" is an autofictional novel that recounts, in short, interwoven chapters, the traces of a relationship that marked the narrator to the point of ruin. Through language that shifts from lyrical to raw, the book alternates memory, confession, dark humor, and existential reflections, composing a mosaic of pain, love, desire, and self-sabotage. From a first adolescent kiss to the solitude of adult life, moving through family trauma and sexual daydreams, each chapter is an emotional sketch that refuses to balance the ledger of the romantic equation. The book also plays with mathematical notions and metaphors in an attempt to calculate the incalculable: love, loss, the void. A book that unveils, with unsettling sincerity, how love can be both cure and wound.

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