



## Greetings from Below

By David Philip Mullins

Sarabande Books, Canada, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 133 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Winner of the Mary McCarthy Prize in short fiction, selected by David Means, and the University of Nevada s Silver Pen Award. What would have become of Nick Adams if he d been born along the ragged edges of a new American city, one with more churches per capita than any other, and twice the suicide rate? Meet Nick Danze, the main character of David Philip Mullins s vital debut collection, Greetings from Below. The opening story finds fourteen-year-old Nick and his pal Kilburg sitting in the Las Vegas desert, drinking whiskey from Kilburg s fake leg. It s the first of many shocks in Nick s sexual education, which begins with a kiss from Kilburg he calls practice. In later stories, Nick hires a call girl, visits a swingers club on Christmas Eve, obsesses over obese middle-aged women, and meets the love of his life, Annie, only he s not sure he loves her and he s compulsively unfaithful. Ashamed of his behavior, he stubbornly repeats it. And lurking behind it all is Vegas, with its gilded casinos, neon-tinted suburbs, and...



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