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"Love Park," by Jim Zervanos



You can see everything in this city on your way to work: Kelly Drive is a nuisance, the murals are a colorful blur, and Ben Franklin is ubiquitous.

But Jim Zervanos's debut novel, Love Park, shows us Philadelphia through the eyes of 26-year-old Peter Pappas.

Peter begins his journey into adulthood by discovering a shocking truth about his Greek Orthodox priest father — and en route realizes that his whole family has its share of secrets. His perfect brother operates behind a thin facade, his sister is in a relationship that would send their parents reeling, and Peter himself gets involved with a pill-popping widow from his father's church.

The book is about the parts of ourselves we keep from our family as we grow up and the tricky navigation of the divide between tradition and real life in modern-day Philly.

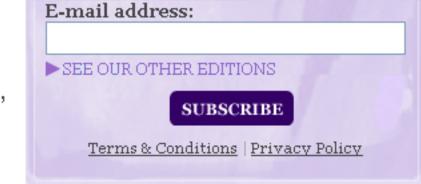
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