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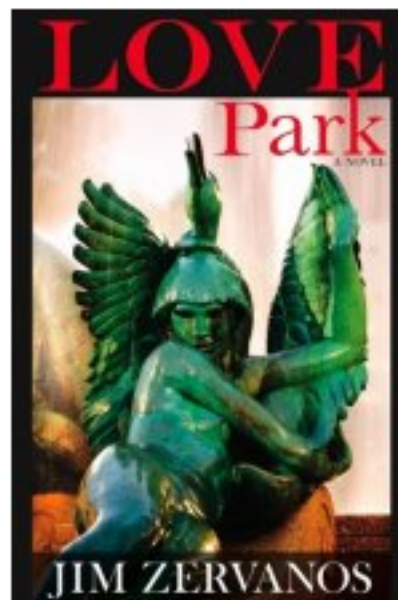
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## Love Park

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**Love Park**

I've lived here 20 years, and in my pea-brain, Philadelphia's go-to ethnicity has always been Italian. Yes, the pale WASPs still rule the Main Line, but for me, Philadelphia is all Italian, all the time. Or it was, until I fell deeply into LOVE PARK, Jim Zervanos' well-written, heartfelt novel about a Greek Gen-X-er's coming of age in the era of skateboards, AIDS, bisexuality, and olive-oil-scented Mrs. Robinsons who dig boys and their dads (even when they happen to be Greek Orthodox priests.) Read it and discover a whole new flavor of Philadelphia story --one full of dolmades, not cannoli. Who knew?

---Kelly Simmons, author of *Standing Still* and coming soon, *The Bird House*.

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