



Cheap Ticket to Heaven

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Owl Publishing Company, 1997. Trade paperback. Condition: New. New. No dust jacket as issued. Trade paperback (US). Glued binding. 304 p. Audience: General/trade. From Library Journal The poetry of violence is a pop culture staple, from punk rock (think Iggy Pop) through cinema (DePalma and Scorsese come to mind) to fiction, to writers like George Pelecanos. And Smith. Although LJ didn't like poet/novelist Smith's last novel, the grimly incandescent Chimney Rock (LJ 4/15/93), the book fared well with other reviewers and with readers of beyond-the-bestsellers fiction. So will Cheap Ticket, the story of a pair of shrewd, intelligent (intellectual, even), murderous, larcenous felons, Jack and Clare, partners in crime and love, whose quests on a bloody tour of the South and Midwest are both material and transcendental. As in Chimney Rock, the language is luminous and, fortunately, supports story and character more than the less successful philosophy does. Sure to appeal to many readers, this is recommended for most fiction collections. ? Robert E. Brown, Onondaga Cty. P.L., Syracuse, N.Y. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title. From Booklist Oh, my. Reading Smith's stunning fifth novel is...



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