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From Publishers Weekly

A poignant, funny tale about the love between a young man and a woman twice his age.

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The main character, Sonny, narrates this story just days after the death of his life-long lover, Felicity Jones. His affair with Felicity, 20 years his senior, was kinky, unpredictable, irregular, and infrequent. Part of the attraction was a story that Felicity told Sonny in installments over the years. This saga paralleled their lives and gave vent to Felicity's hopes, dreams, fears, and despair. When the end of the story and Felicity's last words prove to be "the punch line" to a 30-year-long shaggy dog story, Sonny is the only person who can appreciate the joke. Martin writes well, alternating between living and imaginary characters, and humor and pathos abound. The tattoo ties it all together. Recommended for public libraries.

Joanna M. Burkhardt, Univ. of Rhode Island Coll. of Continuing Education Lib., Providence

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About the Author

David Lozell Martin's previous novels include international bestsellers *Lie to Me* and *Tap, Tap* and the critically acclaimed *The Crying Heart Tattoo*, *The Beginning of Sorrows*, and *Crazy Love*. *Facing Rushmore* is his eleventh book. Martin lives in the Washington, D.C. area.

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