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PETER MATTHIESSEN +

In this novel, Clements Olin, an American Gentile academic, joins a 1996 gathering at a former death camp in order to research the strange suicide of a Holocaust survivor, and must confront his detached, observer's relationship with the Holocaust.

THE LONG SHADOW

DAVID REYNOLDS

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PAUL KELSEY WILLIAMS

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DAWN G. MARSH

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