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GARTH RISK HALLBERG

A novel about a disparate group of people, a shooting in Central Park, and the New York blackout in July, 1977. (*The New York Times* 100 Notable Books of 2015, *Library Journal* Best Books 2015: More of the Best, *The Washington Post*: Notable Fiction Books of 2015) 903 p.

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SONIA PURNELL

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143 p.

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