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The Complete Dark Shadows of My Childhood

By Tony Trigilio

Paperback. Condition: New. 47 pages. Tony Trigilio's book-length poem *The Complete Dark Shadows (of My Childhood)* is the first book of a multi-volume experiment in autobiography. For this project, Trigilio is watching all 1,225 episodes of *Dark Shadows*, the gothic soap opera that ran on ABC from 1966-1971. He is composing one sentence for each episode and shaping the sentences into couplets. Book 1 covers 183 episodes. *The Complete Dark Shadows (of My Childhood)* is both an autobiographical diary poem and an ode to lost television artifacts. As David Trinidad, author of *Peyton Place: A Haiku Soap Opera*, writes of the book, Trigilio manages to create a riveting two-fold narrativepersonal and TV-screen ekphrasticout of piecemeal sentences (one per episode) that honor the most unlikely of poetic subjects: a cheaply produced, blooper-ridden, gothic-horror soap opera. Barnabas Collins, kitsch vampire but source of poet Tony Trigilio's childhood nightmares, rises from his casket in the first sentence of this intrepid fever chart of a poem. Trigilio manages to create a riveting two-fold narrativepersonal and TV-screen ekphrasticout of piecemeal sentences (one per episode) that honor the most unlikely of poetic subjects: a cheaply produced, blooper-ridden, gothic-horror soap opera. This is just the first...



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