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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Basketball Diaries author Carroll's slightly rough posthumous novel about a famous painter's breakdown begins as painter Billy Wolfram has a psychotic episode, wanders about the Central Park petting zoo, threatens strangers, and is picked up and committed to a mental hospital for observation. Upon his release, Billy returns home and goes into "reclusion," brooding on events in his past (such as his mother's death), watching old TV shows, and receiving visits from a Central Park zoo raven who talks to Billy about the flood (the raven was on Noah's ark), art, and the emptiness in Billy's life. Other than his assistant, Marta, Billy's only real visitor is his childhood friend, rock star Denny, leaving him plenty of time for introspection that leads back to Kennedy's assassination, which coincided with Billy's mother catching him masturbating. Since then, Billy has frozen out his sexual feelings, and, as it turns out, Marta would love to thaw them. Although Carroll's prose is uneven--clever and profound sentences jostle awkwardly with lumbering, bathos-soaked platitudes--and the narrative tension is rather slack, this is a heartfelt portrait of a New York original by a New York original. (Nov.) (c)

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From [Booklist](#)

Carroll's first novel is, unfortunately, his last. A poet, memoirist, and punk rocker, Carroll died in 2009. His poetry was published in the Paris Review, and his journal entries, collected in *The Basketball Diaries* (1978) and *Forced Entries* (1987), chronicled his experiences as basketball player, addict, and street hustler, along with his encounters with Andy Warhol, Bob Dylan, and William S. Burroughs. An incendiary single, *People Who Died*, established his bona fides in the rock world with a gut-wrenching account of friends who were casualties of the street culture. Billy Wolfram, the young, famous, and talented artist of *The Petting Zoo*, draws heavily on Carroll's own experiences. While attending a reception for a Velázquez exhibition at the Met, Billy undergoes an anxiety attack that calls into question his own artistic abilities, his identity, and his sanity. As Billy's crisis begins to threaten the completion of new works for a forthcoming show, he's visited by a talking raven who claims to have been on Noah's ark. Introspective, observant, and, at times, quite hilarious, this is a fitting culmination of Carroll's life's work. --Ben Segedin

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