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by James T. Farrell

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### A Trilogy of Urban Realism

*Studs Lonigan* is a trilogy of novels that follows the life of William "Studs" Lonigan, a young Irish-American boy growing up in the slums of Chicago. The trilogy consists of *Young Lonigan* (1932), *The Young Manhood of Studs Lonigan* (1934), and *Judgment Day* (1935). Farrell's spare, naturalistic prose style captures the rhythms of working-class speech and the harsh realities of life in the slums.

The trilogy opens with Studs as a young boy, full of dreams and ambition. As he grows older, however, he becomes increasingly disillusioned with life. He drops out of school, gets involved in petty crime, and eventually becomes an alcoholic. Farrell's unflinching portrayal of Studs's downward spiral is a powerful indictment of the social and economic forces that shaped the lives of working-class Americans in the early 20th century.

### **A Critical and Commercial Success**

Studs Lonigan was a critical and commercial success upon its publication. The trilogy won the National Book Award in 1933 and was praised by critics for its realism and its insights into the lives of working-class Americans. Farrell's trilogy has also been adapted into two films, a television series, and a stage play.

### **A Penguin Twentieth Century Classic**

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### **About the Author**

James T. Farrell was born in Chicago in 1904. He grew up in the slums of the city, and his experiences there formed the basis for his writing. Farrell's work is known for its realism, its insights into the lives of working-class Americans, and its social criticism. Farrell died in New York City in 1979.

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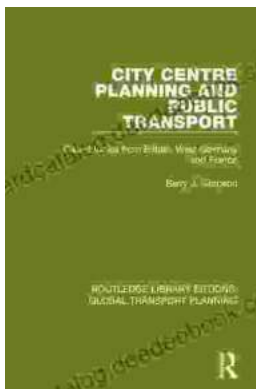


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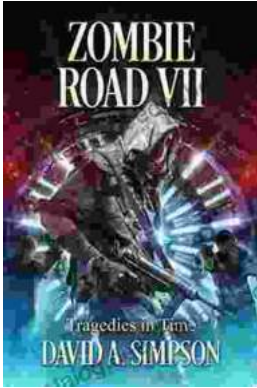
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