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Bright Star



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The lives of the poètes maudits are subject to the caprices of whoever wants to interpret them. 'Shining Light' both is and is not a novel about the life and times of Federico García Lorca. Perhaps it is the story of how a country colludes to allow the poet the right to be murdered. It is 1916 in the Vega de Granada, the richest area of Andalusia and the backdrop to inflammatory social and political conflicts, where the labourers suffer hunger and the landowners become immensely rich by smuggling basic food items to the front of the Great War. It is in this part of the countryside that Lorca experiences his first poetic stirrings after immersing himself in the avant-gardism of the Madrid student residence with Dalí and Buñuel. He will experience calamitous theatrical failures and even censorship by Primo de Rivera's dictatorship, homophobic persecution, international success, the...

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