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THE EAST END is an atmospheric debut novel of family secrets and scandal, of love and heartbreak, of working class struggle versus the privileges of the super wealthy, all set in a place whose incredible beauty means both pleasure and pain – a place where people will die for love, kill for truth, and dream of escaping forever.

THE EAST END opens with Corey Halpern, a Hamptons local from a broken home who breaks into mansions at night for kicks. He likes the rush and admittedly, the escapism. One night just before Memorial Day weekend, he breaks into the wrong home at the wrong time: the Sheffield estate where he and his mother work. Under the cover of darkness, their boss Leo Sheffield -- billionaire CEO, patriarch, and owner of the vast lakeside manor -- arrives unexpectedly with his lover, Henry. After a shocking poolside accident leaves Henry dead, everything depends on Leo burying the truth. But unfortunately for him, Corey saw what happened and there are other eyes in the shadows.

Hordes of family and guests are coming to the estate the next morning, including Leo's surly wife, all expecting a lavish vacation weekend of poolside drinks, evening parties, and fireworks filling the sky. No one can know there's a dead man in the woods, and there is no one Leo can turn to. With his very life on the line, everything will come down to a split-second decision. For all of the main players—Leo, Gina, and Corey alike—time is ticking down, and the world they've known is set to explode.

Told through multiple points of view, THE EAST END highlights the socio-economic divide in the Hamptons, but also how the basic human need for connection and trust can transcend class differences. Secrecy, obsession, and desperation dictate each character's path. In a race against time, each critical moment holds life in the balance as Corey, Gina, and Leo approach a common breaking point. THE EAST END is a propulsive read, rich with character and atmosphere, and marks the emergence of a talented new voice in fiction.

## **The East End Details**

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### **Bonnie Gonzales says**

I was oh so lucky to win this book in a Goodreads Giveaway, it is a different read for me and I really got into it, hating when I had to put it down. I enjoyed the characters, although I didn't have to good an idea what some of them looked like. I really felt for Corey and some of the horrible situations he faced, and yet got a kick out of some of his pranks, and deep down I was rooting for him.

Yes it hit me with something I did not expect and I was captivated so I will be recommending to friends.

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### **Barrett Bowlin says**

I had the great fortune of snagging an ARC of Allen's THE EAST END recently, and it's been an incredibly intense and outstanding read. From the opening line that counts down to Corey's break-in at a Hamptons estate through to the explosive climax, I loved reading about these characters' engines.

As in what drives Corey to commit these small crimes, or what motivates his mother, Gina, to weather the abuses made by her volatile ex. Or what forces her employer, Leo, into hiding his own secrets away from the prying eyes of his affluent neighbors. Allen provides these amazing, piercing looks into the mechanisms of people who work so hard and endure such incredible risks for their own tiny outlets of sanity, and I loved reading about what each of these people has suffered and forfeited in their lives.

It's a brilliant book, not just because Allen is one of those poets who can expertly craft the language of their novels -- think Alice Sebold, Ben Lerner, Anne Carson, for example -- but also because it's fascinating to watch what happens when social classes collide violently, and when the upper class expects to survive these collisions unscathed.

That said, I'm looking very, very forward to Allen's future adventures in prose.

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### **Susan Johnson says**

There is absolutely nothing I liked about this book. It had a preposterous plot, unlikable characters and so many cringe inducing moments. Please don't waste your time like I did reading this.

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### **EB Fitzsimons says**

When a horrible accident at a wealthy family's estate threatens to bring uncomfortable secrets to light, a young man who was in the wrong place at the right time must make some life-changing choices- and quickly. This drama will keep readers glued to the page with its urgency, sympathy, and subtle social commentary.

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**Darcee Kraus says**

I won this in the giveaway! This was an awesome read that was well-written and entertaining enough to distract me from my troubles.

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