

Symptoms of the Lunatic a novel by David J. Keffer

"Symptoms of the Lunatic" is a novel written about a lunatic in the manner of a lunatic. Readers possessed of a sane mind may find that the writing of a lunatic contains what appears to them to be circuitous arguments of questionable logic that seek to justify both ends of any debate, incredibly detailed examinations of trivial minutiae in which no one can be expected to have any sustained interest, arbitrary diatribes against random facets of the physical world, innumerable pointless detours and digressions of unconscionable length. That the writing of a lunatic should challenge the attention of even the most patient reader should not be surprising. Disclaimers aside, herein lies the testament of a lunatic who lost sight of what it means to be part of the human community and who struggled with the internal machinations he developed to occupy himself in its absence.

Despite living in Washington, DC, the lunatic has isolated himself from virtually all human contact. His sole companion is the ghost of Lee Dong II, the lost child whom his younger brother was prior to being adopted and brought into the lunatic's family under a different name thirty years earlier. When the lunatic is extricated from his cocoon by circumstances beyond his control he interacts poorly with those he comes in contact with, which again would be surprising only if it were any other way.



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