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## The Precariousness of Done

by Tony Houck

Meet Ethan, a bright yet painfully shy former exchange student to Spain. He has returned to Las Rozas during the town's annual fiestas—complete with carnival, bullfights, street vendors, and pickpockets. Ethan's "Spanish family" welcomes him into their home despite having their own problems, and he becomes inextricably involved in the personal affairs of two sisters, for better or for worse.

Next meet Thomas, another American living in Spain, whose obsessive-compulsive disorder wreaks havoc on his daily life and keeps him from connecting with his family, and even worse, being with the woman he adores.

Full of Spanish zest, layers of love, and the nuances of mental disorders, this smart and sexy book is sure to evoke joy and sorrow. Find out how these men's lives mysteriously intertwine in this wonderful novel about culture, family, and the precariousness of "done."

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"A vivid Spanish backdrop for a complex entanglement of characters... emotionally haunting and full of heart."

—Greg Shemkovitz, author of *Lot Boy*

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### About the Author

Tony Houck's burning enthusiasm for Spanish language and culture was sparked by a two-week tour of Spain during high school. Thirty years later, this family man and severe obsessive-compulsive is still bitten by the bug to travel and explore. Set in the Spanish town where he lived, studied, ate tripe, ran with the bulls, and got his heart broken, *The Precariousness of Done* is his first novel.

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