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Random House, New York, NY, 2004. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: New. First Edition.. Brodart protected dust jacket. Author's debut novel. "Professor Wilson Bledsoe is returning from a party celebrating his latest honor when he encounters a broken-down pickup on the secluded country road leading to his home. He instinctively stops to help, calling his wife, Kay, to let her know he'll be late. When the delay stretches to hours, Kay frantically contacts the local police and Wilson's younger brother, Sterling, an FBI agent in New York. The next day, the discovery of the professor's body with a vicious racist epithet carved into his chest leads to the quick arrest of two loathsome white supremacists. Sterling, however, is not quite ready to buy into this pat solution. A look around his brother's lab and brief interviews with his students, colleagues, and the college's distinguished president pique his curiosity about Wilson's current project, a nearly completed paper on the mysterious deaths of hundreds of local blackbirds. But Sterling's search for answers takes a dangerous turn when a security tape sent to Quantico for enhancement incriminates the agent himself. Determined to clear his name and bring his brother's killer to...



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