



Travels in the Scriptorium

By Auster, Paul.

Holt. 1 Cloth(s), 2007. hard. Book Condition: New. The author of The Brooklyn Follies, Invisible, and Sunset Park, Paul Auster returns to his metaphysical literary roots with this tightly packed, ever-shifting "treatise on crime and amnesia," as the Washington Post put it. "The setup is this: An old man, known only as Mr. Blank, wakes up [without memories] in a sparsely furnished room. Soon Mr. Blank begins to read a manuscript he finds on the desk. As time passes, characters from the manuscript show up, each slightly familiar to Mr. Blank, each delivering shards of his past life." In this Samuel Beckettlike setting, Auster revisits his past stories, seemingly allowing us to inhabit his writer's mind or question the workings of our own. 145.



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