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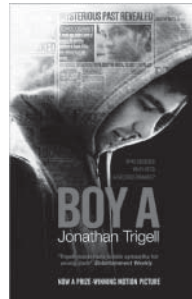
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Boy A

By Jonathan Trigell

Serpent's Tail, \$14.95, 256 pages

Telling an all-too-familiar (yet too rarely seen as a literary theme) story, *Boy A* hits you in a place in your life that you didn't know others knew about. A young man whose anger problems result in him being released from an institution as a legal adult is unaware of the way the world works. Jack, the protagonist (of sorts), is trying to learn to live with himself, while at the same time those closest to him are trying to learn live with him.



Trigell has set a high bar for the rest of his career with *Boy A*, as it is surely not an act to be easily followed. Knowing exactly how to goad you along without revealing too much, his work epitomizes the perfect tease, and as such, when your curiosity is finally satisfied, it is in the most gratifying way.