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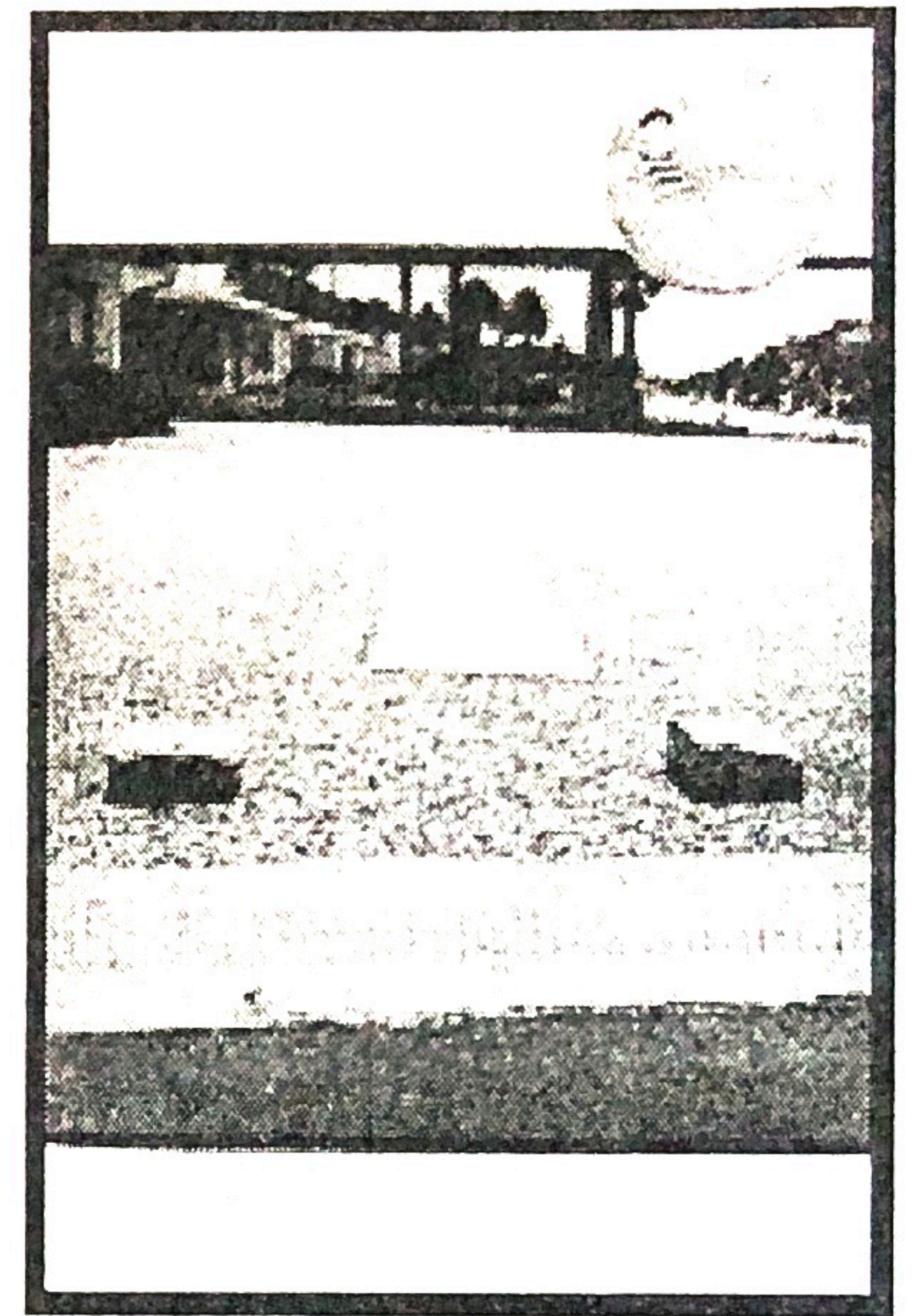
ways in which individuals negotiate and construct their sense of identity."

The Theory of Light and Matter: Stories

by *Andrew Porter*

Debut collection of Carver-esque stories of memory and sacrifice.

Andrew Porter's stunning meditations on loss and remembrance form his first short story collection, *The Theory of Light and Matter*. Porter crafts stories of disparate lives—a brother wonders if he can forgive his sister; a woman chooses between an older professor and her intended husband; a man ruminates on the death of a childhood friend—in an evocative, straightforward prose style reminiscent of Raymond Carver. His stories explore the nature of guilt and sacrifice and the eccentricity and unpredictability of memory and forgiveness. *The Theory of Light and Matter* won a Flannery O'Connor Award upon publication; Time Out New York called it "exquisite," saying it "delivers... constant delight."



The Theory of Light and Matter. By Andrew Porter. 192 Pages. Vintage. \$14.

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by *Benoit*

Denizet-Lewis

A perceptive journalist's journey into the weird corners

