

Dumb House - John Burnside

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In Persian myth, it is said that Akbar the Great once built a palace which he filled with newborn children, attended only by mutes, in order to learn whether language is innate or aquired. As the year passed and the children grew into their silent and difficult world, this palace became known as the Gang Mahal, or Dumb House. In his first novel, John Burnside explores the possibilities inherent in a modern-day repetition of Akbar's investigations. Following the death of his mother, the unnamed narrator creates a twisted variant of the Dumb House, finally using his own children as subjects in a bizarre experiment. When the children develop a musical language of their own, however, their gaoler is the one who is excluded, and he extracts an appalling revenge. Author: Burnside, John Publisher: Vintage Digital Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Dumb House Pages: 00208 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2010-12-15 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780099546528 Category: Fiction : General

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