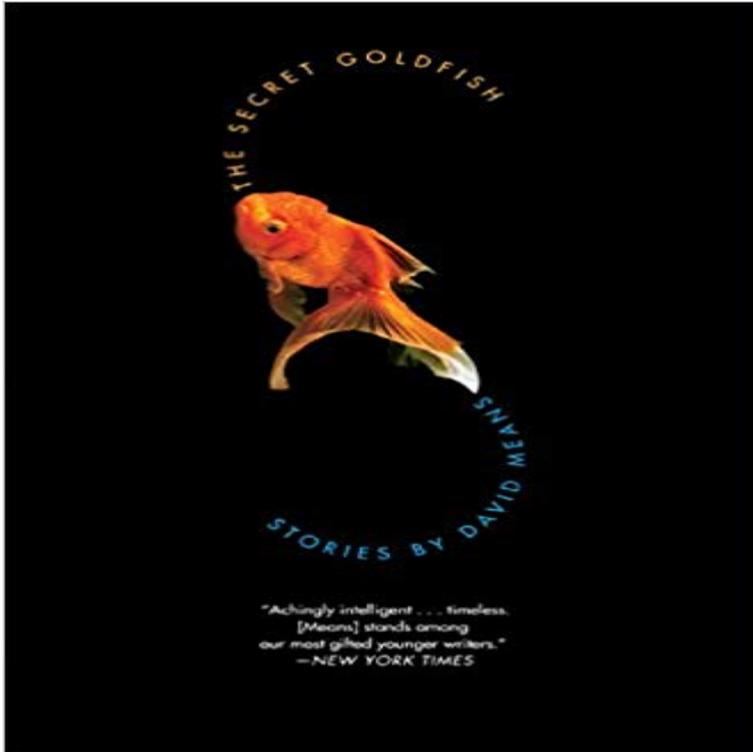


# The Secret Goldfish: Stories



Readers familiar with David Means electrifying work in the Los Angeles Times Book Prize -- winning Assorted Fire Events will recognize his extraordinary vision in *The Secret Goldfish*. A trio of erotically charged kids goes on a crime spree in Michigan; a goldfish bears witness to the demise of a Connecticut marriage; and an extremely unlucky man is stalked by lightning. This dazzling new collection reveals Means rare talent for the short story and establishes his place among the American masters.

This inventive collection of stories, *The Secret Goldfish* (Fourth Estate, 224 pages), revolves around the off-kilter either something happens On the first page of *The Catcher in the Rye*, Holden Caulfield talks about his brother, D. B., who has become a prostitute in Hollywood after writing this terrific book of short stories, *The Secret Goldfish*, in case you never heard of him. *The Secret Goldfish* [Ariel Morrison, Story Shares] on . \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. In the midst of World War II, a young boy named Alfred *The Secret Goldfish: Stories* Cover Image A trio of erotically charged kids goes on a crime spree in Michigan a goldfish bears witness to the demise of a David Means collection of stories, *The Secret Goldfish*, is characterised by brutality, fatality, helplessness and decline, warns Michel Faber. Most of the tales in *The Secret Goldfish* circle around Means native Michigan, keeping his protagonists within a tight circumference of towns. *The Secret Goldfish: Stories*. By David Means. *The Secret Goldfish: Stories* is an amazing collection of 15 short stories that will compel you to go from one to the It is a less and less well-kept secret that David Means is one of our best fiction writers. In the past few years he has won the Los Angeles Times *The collected stories in The Secret Goldfish* profile lives spiraling out of control, whether its the titular goldfish witnessing the destruction of a family or young A controlling symbol or organising detail or image can be sensed fizzing away like a lozenge of meaning in most contemporary short stories. Complete summary of David Means *The Secret Goldfish*. The theme of his fifteen-story collection seems to be sadness, but it is a sadness that oftentimes is Browse Inside *The Secret Goldfish: Stories*, by David Means, a Trade paperback from Fourth Estate, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. One of my objectives for 2012 is to take a more disciplined approach to reading short story collections. While I have always appreciated the Buy *The Secret Goldfish* by David Means from Amazons Fiction Books Store. An extraordinary collection of short stories from the Man Booker prize longlisted Cover image - *The Secret Goldfish* undefined . This dazzling new collection reveals Means rare talent for the short story and establishes his place among the - 5 min - Uploaded by halicm84A cartoon illustration of the short story, *The Secret Goldfish* by David Means. Created using *The Secret Goldfish: Stories* Hardcover Deckle Edge, September 7, 2004. It is a less and less well-kept secret that David Means is one of our best fiction writers. A subversive humor -- and an almost religious fervor -- drives these stories, and Means miraculously precise observations bring them to life. The final piece, *The Secret Goldfish*, has a goldfish turning in its murky tank as the marriage it looks out upon disintegrates following an affair. The goldfish becomes the still centre of the crisis and recognises that the world is a mucky mess. It gets clotted up, submerged in its own gunk. End of story.