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Written before *Among the Missing* and originally published by Northwestern University Press, **Fitting Ends** features thirteen stories detailing the almost panicked angst of the American generation now approaching thirty. Struggling with gaps between youthful expectations and adult experiences, these characters long for understanding and acceptance—but are thwarted by failed love, family disruptions, numbing work, and sexual confusion.

Chaon is one of the most promising new voices in fiction, and this re-issued collection offers further evidence of his unique talent.

**“The best of these stories . . . possess a rare, disorienting force. When you look up from them, the quality of light seems a little different. It’s a reminder to those of us who have almost forgotten what literature can sometimes do.”**

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