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Life should be simple for the teenage boy at the centre of this story but it's clouded by the loss of his father and the veil that places over his relationship with others. The writer succeeds in painting the world through youthful eyes but the story takes an ominous twist and then a turn for the better. It poignantly reminds us of the beauty that can be found in nature when we go looking for it and the treasure of human kindness when we open ourselves to accepting it.