



## A Feast of Peonies

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By Obi

Penknife Press, United States, 2003. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.?This novel is written in the second person singular in a way that gives it more immediacy than the first person, and certainly more than the third. It is set in present day Chicago. The protagonist is a middle-aged black man, Ashanti Ra, who, because he is on the run from the law accused of a crime he did not commit, is forced to live with a young Puerto Rican gay man, Phillip a.k.a. Phyllis, whom he met at a Latin bar a couple of days earlier. He was at the bar because he had just had an argument with his white girlfriend of several years. She wanted to get married; he did not. The story concerns Ashanti's slow realization that, although he himself is not gay, he does care for Phyllis, and eventually accepts Phyllis as a lover. The theme of the book is that things in life happen, often with no explanation or apparent reason, and the story is laced with philosophical and religious musings. There is a subplot obliquely told in alternate chapters...



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