



## Silence Once Begun: A Novel

By Ball, Jesse

Pantheon, 2014. Book Condition: New. Brand New, Unread Copy in Perfect Condition. A+ Customer Service! Summary: Praise for Silence Once Begun "Jesse Ball's strange, brief, beguiling fourth novel, Silence Once Begun, flirts with the hermetic . . . Ball enjoys borrowing some of the conventions of crime writing but in order to use them rather than to be used by them . . . His language is chastely lyrical, with a discreet musicality . . . He is often appealingly funny, in an absurdist manner reminiscent of the English avant-gardist B. S. Johnson . . . One of the triumphs of Silence Once Begun is the way that Ball enriches his metafictional restlessness with [a] humane curiosity . . . The language seems aware of the charged space around it, as if one were praying aloud in a darkened, empty church. His characters speak at once lucidly and uncannily; words have become strangely heavy." -- James Wood, The New Yorker "Remarkable. . . a clear nod to The Trial . . . not unlike the images that string together the similarly enigmatic quagmires of W. G. Sebald. . . a perfection of [Ball's] style . . . realism distilled to...

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