

Beyond Suspicion

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Tanguy Viel has been much praised in his native France, where *Beyond Suspicion* (New Press, 978-1-59558-156-3) was a bestseller. Its a lyrical, mesmeric story of KIDNAPPING AND BETRAYAL, more a long short story than a novel, and more of a novel than a mystery. With Viel (translated here by Linda Coverdale), style creates substance.

The story is narrated by a somewhat faceless man who orchestrates a plot for his supposed sister to marry a rich antiques dealer with murder as the goal. Everything goes wrong, of course. The tale un-winds seamlessly, although the payoff loses its punch because the plotters are rather too faceless and pale, especially compared to the victims sneaky brother.

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