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"Reservations Recommended." Eric Kraft. Crown, \$18.95

Matthew Barber is a toy company executive desperately seeking psychological — and sexual — satisfaction. His guide through the miasma of modern life is his pseudonymous alter ego, rakish restaurant reviewer B.W. Beath.

Matthew is a divorced 43-year-old former "fat boy" who's an expert at burying his emotions. But when moonlighting as Boston's galloping gastronome B.W. Beath, Matthew becomes an incisive raconteur who uses his rapier-sharp wit to skewer restaurants and their clientele with reviews that reek of social commentary.

Eric Kraft's carefully crafted tale works on several levels. A restaurant review follows each chapter and offers clues into Matthew's crumbling state of mind. And as Matthew's and B.W.'s egos collide, a new man emerges.



Eric Kraft

"Reservations Recommended" is a psychosexual "tour de farce" that details Matthew's attempts to break out from his self-imposed mediocrity. Along the way, author Kraft serves up some tart observations of society and one man's search for his place in a world that has passed him by,

Reviewed by Atlanta writer Forrest Rogers.