



Ordinary Decent Criminals (Paperback)

By Lionel Shriver

HARPER PERENNIAL, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. A new edition of one of bestselling author Lionel Shriver's early novels, reissued 25 years after first publication--an engrossing commentary on the intersection of politics and human relationships, set in turbulent Northern Ireland. For ten years, Estrin Lancaster has fled Philadelphia. From the Philippines to Berlin, she's been a traveler without a destination, an expatriate without a motherland. In each of the cities Estrin favors, she manages an apartment, a job, a lover, and never tarries past the first signs of ennui. Her latest destination is Belfast, in Northern Ireland. After twenty years of ritualized violence, this city, too, is exhausted--a town where when one more bomb explodes in the city center, old ladies blow the dust off their treacle cakes and count their change. Here the lanky and spiteful Farrell O Phelan, former purveyor of his own bomb-disposal service, technically Catholic but everyone's aggravation, wrangles through the maze of factions in the North by despising every side. Farrell's affair with the curious Estrin is nonetheless a meeting of two loners; like hers, Farrell's marathoning around the planet has become a running in...



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