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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Set in his native Belfast, this is Moore's (*The Color of Blood*) most powerful, meaningful and timely novel, one that will generate strong emotions and diverse opinions. Michael Dillon's literary aspirations vanished when he became the manager of a small hotel; he thinks of himself as "a failed poet in a business suit." Married to a shrewish, dependent woman, he has just decided to leave her and move to London with his lover, a young Canadian woman, when he is swept into Northern Ireland's daily violence. A group of IRA thugs invades his home and holds his wife hostage while Michael is directed to plant a bomb that will kill a Protestant minister. Seamlessly turning what begins as a drama of domestic unhappiness into a chilling thriller, Moore

engages Michael in a moral dilemma: whether to risk his wife's safety but save countless other lives by informing the police of the bomb ticking in his car. Once made, Michael's decision leads to yet more excruciating choices, escalating the tension in a narrative that mirrors the conflict which neither camp can win. As he depicts the passions on both sides of the civil war, Moore excoriates both "Protestant prejudice and Catholic cant," deploring the ceaseless conflict in "this British Province founded on inequality and sectarian hate." If the novel seems, in retrospect, perhaps a little contrived, readers will remain riveted as it hurtles to an inevitable, cleverly plotted conclusion. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the edition.

From Library Journal First you take an adulterous husband, then you add a neurotic, bulimic wife; then enter the girlfriend, and you have a pretty fair story. But if you are Moore you put them in the middle of the troubles in Belfast and sic the IRA on them. The protagonist, Michael Dillon, is a hotel manager who thwarts a bomb attempt by double-crossing the terrorists. The wife goes on TV to speak out against the IRA, and life gets complicated. Michael Dillon's hesitations in deciding an issue of conscience are all too real. Moore builds tension by just describing the trip home. His other novels, *Emperor of Ice Cream* (LJ 8/65), *Catholics* (LJ 3/1/73), and *The Great Victorian Collection* (LJ 9/1/75), to name a diverse few, have won for him such prizes as the Royal Society of Literature award and the Governor General of Canada award for fiction. A good, quick, thought-provoking novel, recommended for general readers. Previewed in *Prepub Alert*, LJ 4/15/90.

- Lynn Thompson, *Ozark Regional Lib., Ironton, Mo.*

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