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## Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Again, Woodrell mines his native Ozarks for artistic and comic inspiration, but this time the lode that produced the dazzling *The Ones You Do* (1992) turns up as much paste as it does precious stones. The lure of marijuana as a cash crop provides the premise for the author's fifth novel, a lighthearted tale about a pair of literary brothers who wind up settling an old family score when a drug deal goes awry. As the story opens, narrator Doyle Redmond, a crime novelist, is returning to the Ozarks from California in a Volvo he stole from his wife after she slept with a prominent poet. Back home, Doyle hunkers down with his brother, Smoke, a fellow author whose attention has turned to cultivating a large marijuana crop for a big profit. While helping Smoke harvest the illegal bounty, Doyle engages in an impromptu romance with the daughter of Smoke's girlfriend, a teenage beauty named Niagra Mattux, who has a yen for the silver screen. This brief idyll gives way to violent reality when the dope deal finally goes down and the Redmond brothers are ambushed by a family of local degenerates called the Dollys. Woodrell's extraordinarily deft prose makes for a luscious read, and his unique combination of existential redneck humor and sharp literary barbs proves entertaining. But there's little substance behind the nonstop jokes, a problem that grows more aggravating as the plot winds down into a series of stock action scenes followed by a predictable resolution.

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From Library Journal

A semidark comic novel set in the Missouri Ozarks, this is the amusing tale of tough-guy midlist novelist Doyle Redmond's transformation into the writer he only dreamed of being. Escaping from trendy California in his estranged wife's Volvo, Doyle reconnects with his roughneck heritage: gun-crazy grandpa and older brother, big-breasted gals, marijuana farms, and a 50-year-old blood feud with the infamous Dolly clan. Reader interest is held throughout by Doyle's absurd descent into his dream self. With this fast-paced yarn's final page, Doyle, now a murderer en route to prison, takes mock glory in his newly earned media renown and the knowledge that his out-of-print crime novels will now be reprinted. All told, this is a good-natured, good-hearted tale. By the author of the critically praised novel *The Ones You Do* (LJ 3/15/92), this present effort is highly recommended for larger fiction collections.

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From [Booklist](#)

"It's a strange, powerful bloodline poetry, I guess, but there's something so potent to us Redmonds about bustin' laws together, as a family." You don't hear much from white-trash philosophers in contemporary fiction, but Woodrell is doing his best to change that. His last novel, *The Ones You Do* (1992), gave us the irrepressible John X. Shade, and this time he goes one better with Doyle Redmond, the maverick college boy from an Ozark family of dirt farmers and convicts. Doyle returns to his roots with gusto when he agrees to help his infamous brother Smoke (think Robert Mitchum in *Thunder Road*) with the season's marijuana harvest. A nice plan, to be sure, except for the generations-old blood feud between the Redmonds and the Dollys. It all goes bad, of course, but in an exquisitely ironic way. Dirt farmers, Woodrell tells us, "have no quit in them." Neither do novelists determined to show a 1990s audience the special mix of poetry, stubbornness, humanity, and just-plain meanness in the souls of a few Ozark hill folk. *Bill Ott*

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