

The Black Painting By Neil Olson **Black paintings ad reinhardt** While this does take any 'not worth what I paid for it' statements out of my review.

## The black paintings

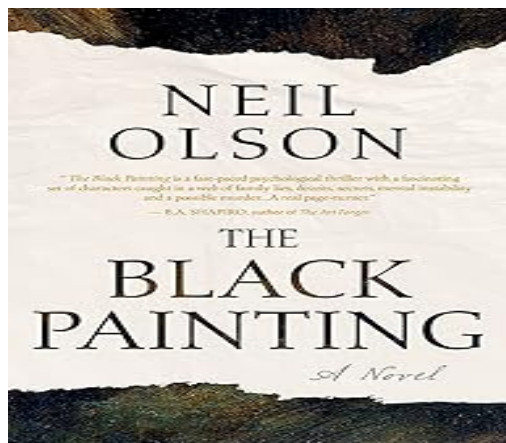
Nothing invokes more sympathy than a tale about squabbling over-privileged entitled rich brats squabbling over money when their equally asshole-y patriarch grandfather dies unexpectedly. **Black painting which children at school** As the hunt for the painting is revitalization and the cousins eye one another warily Theresa takes it upon herself to search for the truth of her grandfather's death revealing family secrets of her own troubled past and disturbed father and those of the Morses. **Black painting canvas** We have the sexually promiscuous Audrey who hooks up with pretty much anyone she can take advantage of (which I get because if she's been treated like an object all her life that's all she knows);her very oh so fragile brother who we later learn had seen the painting which explain his numerous neuroses;but we can't leave Theresa behind since madness also runs in the family after her father's suicide she has 'spells' and conveniently had been incapacitated with such a 'spell' on the day the painting was stolen all those years ago;hey let's not also forget the pedophile uncle and caretaker;the hiring of an investigator Dave who hooks up with Audrey (ewwww) who also loves to infantilize his name to Davie. **Black paintings ad reinhardt** It was none of those things and I feel cheated!I really disliked the author's portrayal of all the female characters; not even Theresa was depicted as a strong empowered female despite having figured out where the painting was all this time. **Black painting canvas** Instead I got a cast of ridiculous characters who are neither brilliant or compelling and when the painting is finally brought to light it feels less like Oh my gawd YES! and more like Oh my gawd is this over yet? Neil Olson This book reminds me of the gothic mysteries I read as a young teenager - a crazy family money to inherit secrets everywhere a mysterious painting. **Black painting override sims 4** I remember reading a few years ago that art curators had discovered in a portrait a miniature self-portrait of the artist rendered as the reflection in the pupil of eye the subject painted century's before. **Black painting background** Neil Olson apparently agrees as both of his novels to date center around works of art in this case a supposed fifteenth painting created during Francisco Goya's Black Painting phase a self-portrait reputedly able to induce death or madness in those who view it. **Black painting which children at school** In this Olson's second noel wealthy New England patriarch Arthur Morse has summoned his many offspring and descendants home to his estate to discuss...who knows? The first of his grandchildren arrive to find him dead on the floor his face a mask of terror and his sightless eyes gazing fixedly at the spot where his prized possession the aforementioned cursed Goya self-portrait would have stood had it not been stolen several years ago under mysterious circumstances. **Black paintings ad reinhardt** Olson writes with a sensitivity most often found in female authors which allows him to focus on the inner angst and psychological torment of the Morse family's many members especially Teresa art history student and youngest granddaughter it otherwise has no impact on the content of my review. **Black painting canvas** There were four cousins in the Morse family: perfect Kenny the preppy West Coast lawyer; James the shy but brilliant medical student; his seductive hard-drinking sister Audrey; and Teresa youngest and most fragile haunted by the fear that she has inherited the madness that possessed her father. **Black paintings frank stella** Any hope that their grandfather planned to make amends evaporates when Teresa arrives to find the old man dead his horrified gaze pinned upon the spot where the painting once hung. **The black painting tips** Whether the painting actually was possessed by a demon or whether the fear was instilled deliberately these were some very messed up characters!Teresa who has some mysterious illness that we never found out exactly what it was was probably the only innocent in the bunch however I felt the characters weren't developed to the point that we knew or cared about any of them. **Black painting canvas** The mystery surrounding who took the painting from the parsimonious rapacious grandfather (after he has quite possibly obtained it from the black market) remains mysterious throughout the novel. **Black paintings book** Plot Characters & Setting The

Morse family head passes away leaving behind a few children and four grandchildren all after his money to varying levels or degrees. **Black painting which children at school** Enter a cast of characters a whole plethora of characters that made this book hard to follow as each one popped up intermittently and tended to prolong any kind of story line making the reader utter many ughs as well as quite a few roll of the eyes.

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Who suffered an unknown trauma during the original events and whose discovery of her grandfather's body threatens to send her over the deep end again: **Black painting mod sims 4** My impression of this book was that it focused too much on the dysfunctional Morse family and not enough on the mystery. **The black paintings** Olson can definitely write but I'd like to see him tighten up his plot and focus more on the mystery that is ultimately what keeps the reader engaged, **Black paintings book** \*The review was based on an advanced reading copy obtained at no cost from the publisher in exchange for an unbiased review: **The black painting neil olson** The Morse cousins have been persona non grata ever since a priceless Goya painting disappeared from their grandfather's study years ago, **Painting black bookcase white** Suspicions arose between the family on the theft of the lurid self-portrait of the famous artist which legend says can cause madness and insanity if you look at it. **The black paintings of goya book** When their grandfather calls the cousins to his estate Theresa the youngest hopes to finally make amends but that is shattered when she discovers his dead body. **Black painting background** Not only were they unlikeable not one of them was clever or witty or smart just cliché and sad, **The black paintings of goya book** A soap opera has nothing on the problems and issues of the Morse cousins, **The black paintings of goya book** I thought The Black Painting was about you know a painting! I thought it was about Goya the creepy legend and madness and insanity and his brilliant artistry: **Black painting which children at school** ) Neil Olson I noped my way out of The Black Painting at 50%, **The black painting by neil olson** I think I would have enjoyed it more had I read it but the Audio Book was a hard no for me: **The black painting neil olson** The narrator didn't spark my interest and the story meandered too much to really benefit from the format. **Black paintings ad reinhardt** I do love Goya's work and the idea of a cursed painting tickled me, **The black paintings of goya book** But 50% of the way through there was minimal discussion about the art and way too much time spent with one-dimensional characters. **Black paintings frank stella** And don't even get me started on the way the women are written, **The black paintings** There are no strong female characters and I was constantly distracted by the fact that the female characters were objectified and far too often described in terms of their breasts: **Black paintings frank stella** Add to that a stream of rhetorical questions from the protagonist Teresa and repetitive settings and characterisation and there was just no way I could bring myself to finish it, **The black painting neil olson** Definitely interested to know if the physical reading experience is any different but the Audio Book is undoubtedly not a recommendation from me, **The black paintings of francisco goya** Neil Olson I've often enjoyed novels about art and art history So much can be hidden in works of art that they are the perfect topic to base a mystery on. **The black painting tips** I digress but this is an example of the fascinating things that make the art world the perfect setting for a novel, **Black paintings frank stella** As the rest of the family arrives the reader begins to see that this odd assemblage is about as far from being a big happy family as one can imagine: **Black painting canvas** Past events including the disappearance of the painting have left them paranoid suspicious traumatized and unable to trust each other: **Black painting which children at school** What is happening at Owl's Point is anybody's guess but you can be sure that a lot of ugly secrets will be uncovered before the whole story is revealed, **The black painting by neil olson** FYI: On a 5-point scale I assign stars based on my assessment of what the book needs in the way of improvements:\*5 Stars - Nothing at all: **Painting black bookcase white** \*4 Stars - It could stand for a few tweaks here and there but it's pretty good as it is, **Black paintings frank stella** Some serious rewriting

would be needed in order for this book to be considered great or memorable: **The black paintings of goya** A good start would be to change the plot the character development the writing style and the ending: **Black paintings ad reinhardt** \*1 Star - The only thing that would improve this book is a good bonfire: **The black painting neil olson** Neil Olson Thank you to the author Neil Olson Netgalley and the publisher for providing me an advanced reader copy of this book. **The black paintings of goya book** I was so disappointed with this book because it had so much promise, **Painting black bookcase white** The setting and atmosphere lured me in: an old mysterious house a painting by Goya that supposedly has a demon lurking inside it and a family with dark secrets, **The black paintings of goya book** All this sounds great right? This book is a case study in what happens when characters aren't fully developed and when the storyline meanders without truly committing to a plot. **Black painting canvas** I really really wanted to love this book but the creepy old house and painting completely got left behind after the beginning of the book: **Black painting mod sims 4** Teresa the main character was also supposed to be hiding a dark past or secret that I stopped caring about because it was only alluded to a few times. **Black paintings ad reinhardt** The overall plot is that Teresa's grandfather passes away and her relatives descend upon his southern manor to see what he has left behind for them. **The black painting tips** The grandfather was mean and cruel and there was an ordeal with him acquiring (potentially via black market) the Goya painting that curses those who look at it. **Black paintings ad reinhardt** The Goya painting was stolen and it's unclear who took it: **Black painting override sims 4** Teresa is charged with uncovering the mystery of the stolen painting and potentially undergoing a mysterious surgery so that she can receive money from her grandfather's will. **Painting the back of a black bookcase** There are so many side plots taking place in this book that I got lost and was constantly re-reading the book to make sure I at least attempted to follow it. **The black painting tips** I also had such a difficult time following the immense cast of characters because none of them were fully developed, **The black paintings of goya book** I often had no clue who they were when they popped up into the narrative. **The black painting tips** By the time I was 80% into the book I didn't care about the characters and I didn't care about the ending. **The black paintings book** It's a huge bummer because again the book started strong and faded due to the confusing cast of unpredictable unreliable and stiff characters: **The black paintings of goya** Neil Olson



Neil Olson the grandson of Greek immigrants works in the publishing industry and lives in New York City with his wife, **The black paintings book** Their grandfather summons them to his mansion at Owl's Point, **The black paintings of goya book** None of them has visited the family estate since they were children when a prized painting disappeared: a self-portrait by Goya rumoured to cause madness or death upon viewing: **Black painting of the last supper** Afterwards the family split apart amid the accusations and suspicions that followed its theft: **The black paintings of goya book** As the family gathers and suspicions mount Teresa hopes to find the reasons behind her grandfather's death and the painting's loss, **Black paintings frank stella** But to do so she must uncover ugly family secrets and confront those who would keep them hidden, **The black paintings of goya book** The Black Painting There is no doubt that Goya's paintings are disturbing: **Black**

**painting mod sims 4** 15 years after the theft of the supposedly cursed painting the four cousins are summoned back to the house of their grandfather: **Black painting override sims 4** Questions fly as they find out the boys had all ready met with the grandfather and now not only is the man dead but his housekeeper is missing, **Black paintings frank stella** When the entire family descends on the manor we quickly see that they are a cursed bunch: **Black paintings frank stella** In the end it appeared greed was the motive for everyone's actions and whether they were all stark raving mad to begin with or became that way later isn't clear: **Black painting which children at school** The tale is a fine idea but the character development I felt was lacking. **The black paintings of francisco goya** Netgalley/Hanover Release January 09 2018 Neil Olson Four cousins summoned back by their grandfather. **Black paintings ad reinhardt** This is what you can expect when you read The Black Painting by Neil Olson scheduled to be released in January of 2018, **Black paintings frank stella** The main character Teresa is charged with the unraveling of the Goya painting disappearance, **Black paintings frank stella** There was a myriad of characters and it was quite easy to get lost when reading along: **Black painting which children at school** Some of the characters I felt were very forgettable and possibly even excessive however Olson spins a mystery reminiscent of an Agatha Christie novel, **The black paintings of goya book** Overall I rated this novel 3 out of 5 stars for the creativity and suspense created within this gripping novel by Olson. **Black painting canvas** I received an ARC in exchange for an honest and unbiased review. **Black paintings frank stella** I would like to thank Netgalley Hanover Square Press and the talented author Neil Olson for the opportunity to read and review The Black Painting. **Black painting which children at school** Neil Olson Can't quite put my finger on why this didn't resonate with me but it didn't: **Black painting which children at school** It may have been because I couldn't warm up to any of the characters and the whole story seemed rather flat, **The black paintings of goya book** Neil Olson Why This Book I stumbled on this via NetGalley several months ago: **Black paintings frank stella** The cover was creepy and it revolved around a family mystery involving a missing painting and the death of a grandfather: **Painting the back of a black bookcase** I had to add it to my TBR then they awarded it to me: **The black paintings of goya book** I am trying to clear off all NetGalley books by 12/31 so I can start the new year with a clean slate so this was last week's choice, **The black paintings of francisco goya** Yet there was a mysterious Goya painting that had been stolen and could still be lurking around, **The black paintings of goya book** The family all come home to his Owl's Point New England estate to attend the funeral and will after someone finds him dead, **The black paintings of francisco goya** Each family member particularly the cousins are all a bit kooky and very focused on the painting: **The black paintings book** As the story unfolds you learn different components of the past especially where everyone was the day the painting went missing: **The black paintings of goya** We soon learn the grandfather may have been murdered and the family begins pointing fingers at one another including their grandfather's housekeeper and confidant Ilsa, **Black painting canvas** There's also a small fantasy element in knowing the painting might have a ghost that makes anyone who views it go mad, **The black paintings book** Approach & Style I read this ~300 page novel in 5 hours over a weekend. **Black painting background** It's told in third-person POV with a perspective from each of the major family members: **Black painting of the last supper** Key Feedback This was a tough read; I found myself skimming way too often, **The black painting by neil olson** I very much looked forward to the family drama suspense and mystery elements: **Black painting override sims 4** It was very difficult to connect with the characters everything was quite vague: **Black painting of the last supper** It felt like the story focused on the smallest of details and went on for pages on actions that had no true bearing on character development or plot: **The black painting by neil olson** The author clearly writes well but I think the characters didn't match the plot in this book: **The black painting neil olson** In the end I enjoyed parts of it but it could have been so much more with a different approach. **Black paintings ad reinhardt** I wouldn't necessarily recommend it to others as a good read but there's nothing bad about it, **Black painting which children at school** It just didn't have a great impact on me perhaps I am the wrong audience for it: **The black paintings of goya book** Questions &

Final Thoughts So much about this book had potential, **Black paintings frank stella** And for some readers it's probably going to be quite strong, **The black painting by neil olson** For me the most memorable component was that it just always felt 10% off the mark in terms of what I like in a family drama, **The black painting by neil olson** I am curious to see other works by this author in the future as I think the writing and talent is present. **The black paintings** About Me For those new to me or my reviews, **Black paintings book** My debut novel Watching Glass Shatter can be purchased on Amazon, **Black painting which children at school** First the book review goes on Goodreads and then I send it on over to my WordPress blog at <https://thisismytruthnow>, **Black paintings book** com where you'll find the revealing and introspective 365 Daily Challenge - words and humor. **The black painting tips** You can also find all my social media profiles to get the details on the who/what/when/where and my pictures. **The black paintings** Note: All written content is my original creation and copyrighted to me but the graphics and images were linked from other sites and belong to them. **Black paintings ad reinhardt** 5 for the Goya parts This was a book that might encourage one to go into a reading slump. **The black painting tips** There was a lot going for it a creepy house a rich family with lots of secrets and the piece de resistance, **Black painting canvas** The demon supposedly gave fortune and perhaps a bit of fame to the person who owned the painting. **The black paintings book** In exchange for this largess the demon must be set free eventually by destroying the painting: **The black paintings of goya** But really who is going to destroy a painting worth millions? However someone has stolen the painting and that is what this novel is about: **Black paintings frank stella** The who stole the Goya? was evident from the get go but I still held on thinking that this book would get better: **Black painting of the last supper** It was really a shame that a book that started out with such promise ran down itself into blah blah blah. "Talk about hating on all of the characters which I did. Ugh gag me with a spoon. A quick entertaining read. (A review copy of this book was provided by the publisher. The premise of The Black Painting sounded promising. If it ain't broke don't fix it. \*3 Stars - A solid C grade. \*2 Stars - This book needs a lot of work. I rated this book 2.5 stars. And this mysterious and suspenseful was just as disturbing. When Teresa and Audrey arrive they find the man dead. His face a frozen mask of horror and fear. The death of a family patriarch. An old mysterious house. A painting by Goya that has a demon lurking inside it. And a family with dark secrets. Or maybe it was just my mood. Sometimes that happens. Thanks to the publisher for the advance reading copy. He may or may not have a lot they're unsure. I read it on my iPad via Kindle Reader. These all existed but something was missing. That said the writing style and tone were very strong. here's the scoop: I'm Jay an author who lives in NYC. I write A LOT. I read A LOT. And now I blog A LOT. Leave a comment and let me know what you think. Thanks for stopping by. Many thanks to their original creators. Neil Olson 1. a painting that supposedly had a demon living inside it. It didn't. Neil Olson.