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Starred Review Agee (1909-55) is now considered a classic American writer, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning and posthumous novel *A Death in the Family* (1957), of a brilliant and seminal body of movie criticism that shaped how that genre is perceived and practiced, and coauthor, with Walker Evans, of the photo-and-text *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* (1941), a heart-touching account of Depression-era farmers. Now, with this little book about Brooklyn, he can also be counted a travel writer. It remained unpublished during his lifetime (though written in 1939), saw its first appearance in print in 1968 (in *Esquire*), and finally has been given separate publication as a book. Introduced by Jonathan Lethem, author of the riveting and place-defining novel *Motherless Brooklyn* (1999), Agee's prose poem captures the textural variety of Brooklyn in language that bears reading aloud for its lilt, melody, and pleasingly pungent vocabulary: "The collaborated creature of the insanely fungoid growth of fifteen or twenty villages, now sewn and quilted edge to edge, and lacking any center in remote proportion of its mass, [Brooklyn] is perhaps the most amorphous of all modern cities." *Brad Hooper*

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Review

. . . Whitmanesque, dreamy yet definitive. . .-Brad Lockwood

. . . A fresh perspective on both the author and the borough.

. . .A delightful read. . .

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