



## Subtle Bodies

By Rush, Norman.

Knopf. 1 Cloth(s), 2013. hard. Book Condition: New. In his long-awaited third novel, following *Mortals* and the National Book Award winner *Mating*, Norman Rush gives us a sophisticated, often comical romp through the particular joys and tribulations of marriage and the dilemmas of friendship, as a group of college buddies reunites in upstate New York after the death of their ringleader. It begins on a plane with Ned, having dropped everything including his wife Nina, who has been trying hard to get pregnant to fly in from San Francisco, while on another plane, Nina is in furious pursuit of her suddenly absent husband. "Subtle Bodies seems to paraphrase Virginia Woolf's description of *Middlemarch* like one of the few novels written for grown-up people," wrote Francine Prose in the *New York Review of Books*. "Rush's characters (the women more than the men) want to fall in love, to laugh and enjoy themselves. Their quirks, opinions, compulsions, and the cruel or considerate ways in which they treat their rivals and allies are all aspects of the personalities that keep us engrossed along with the clarity and precision of Rush's sentences, the freshness of his observations, and our awareness that we are reading something quite rare: a remarkably..."



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