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| **Some Books Aren’t For Reading** A Novel  Howard Marc Chesley  **Martin Fourchette is on a mission to retrieve his priceless, first-edition copy of The Old Man and the Sea, inscribed on the flyleaf by Papa Hemingway himself.** He unearthed it at the bottom of a bin of castoffs at a thrift store in Anaheim, and then Helmet-Head, Martin’s moped-driving book-scout competitor and nemesis, filched it. How, after an auspicious start at Hotchkiss and Yale, then a great job in advertising and a loving young family did Martin manage to lose it all and fall so far from grace? That is something that he can’t help but contemplate while crusading through the dark recesses of Los Angeles as he struggles to retrieve his treasured book from a dishevelled, moped-driving Moriarty.  *'Storytelling like T.C. Boyle, characters worthy of Robert Stone. Howard Marc Chesley creates compelling drama from everyday events, turning the life of an internet bookseller into a thriller. I couldn't stop reading.'* ***David Webb Peoples, Writer of Blade Runner***  **Author Bio** Howard Chesley has had a long professional career as a producer and writer of dramatic television and films, having worked for all the major Hollywood studios. An interest in sourcing interesting books at auctions and selling them online led to the inspiration for his debut novel, Greater Fool. Howard lives in Los Angeles, CA, USA.  **Endorsements** *A rollicking tale by Howard Chesley, about a book scout who loses his prize signed copy of "The Old Man and the Sea" and goes on an Ahab-like journey to get it back, burrowing deep into the bookseller subculture of L.A. like a spelunker into a dark cave. A great first novel by a skilful storyteller supreme!* ***Lucian Truscott IV, Salon Magazine***  **Promotional Plans** Source key endorsements from Hollywood and beyond. Targeted promotion to several online groups, including forums for bibliophiles and book collectors; promote to readers of contemporary fiction via Goodreads/Instagram. YouTube trailer for book. Book launch and readings. Interviews using author's network of writers.  **USP** Takes the reader on a grand tour of the dark underbelly of Los Angeles, following the concealed lives of book scouts. Sharp-edged, often heart-breaking, this is the story of a man who, due to a series of missteps has lost family, respect and a livelihood, and is seeking redemption.  **Competing Books** The Locals 9780812983395, by Jonathan Dee Random House, 2017  **Categories** FICTION (General)(FIC030000) -> Thrillers (General)(FIC030000) -> Suspense(FIC030000) FICTION (General)(FIC049050) -> African American (General)(FIC049050) -> Mystery & Detective(FIC049050) FICTION (General)(FIC022100) -> Mystery & Detective (General)(FIC022100) -> Amateur Sleuth(FIC022100) |  | **Publication Date** March 2019  **Paperback** ISBN: 978-1-78535-878-4 $16.95  |  £11.99 8.5x5.5 inches | 216x140 mm 272PP  **e-book** ISBN: 978-1-78535-879-1 $7.99  |  £4.99  **Library of Congress** 2017962235 |
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