



# Crystal

**By Fred Rohan Vargas**

Set in a suburban community of eastern Pennsylvania, *Crystal* takes place in an abandoned woodshed, circa 1981. Andy, 17, has left the body of a 16-year-old girl under the floor. Hoping to gain status with two close friends, Ralph and Joey, he brings them to view the body. When they return the next day, however, the hole under the floor is empty, and Crystal, the girl, appears soiled and livid from outside.

What follows is an intense and gritty character study of teens whose behavior is a mirror of the chaotic world outside the shed. Overweight and insecure, Andy takes out his frustrations on the women around him; Ralph hides his pain at his brother's death behind a thickening emotional wall; Joey will do almost anything to dispel his all-American boy image; and Crystal's search for love leads instead to violence. Insightful, compassionate, *Crystal* provides a startling glimpse into four desperate young lives. 3 Men/ 1 Woman

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