

# The Carls: A Beautifully Foolish Endeavor

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The Carls is a novel by American author Ethan Canin. It was published in 2002 and tells the story of three brothers, Carl, David, and Michael, who are growing up in suburban Chicago in the 1960s and 1970s. The novel follows the brothers as they navigate the challenges of adolescence and young adulthood, including the Vietnam War, the sexual revolution, and the rise of the counterculture.



## A Beautifully Foolish Endeavor: A Novel (The Carls

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## **Characters**

The novel's three main characters are Carl, David, and Michael. Carl is the oldest brother, and he is a brilliant but troubled young man. He is haunted by the death of his father, and he struggles to find his place in the world. David is the middle brother, and he is a more conventional and stable character. He is a successful businessman and family man. Michael is the youngest brother, and he is a free-spirited and rebellious young man. He is drawn to the counterculture, and he spends much of his time experimenting with drugs and alcohol.

The three brothers are very different, but they are also deeply connected to each other. They love and support each other, but they also drive each other crazy. The novel explores the complex dynamics of their relationship, and it shows how they are able to both hurt and heal each other.

## **Themes**

The Carls is a novel about many things, including the relationships between siblings, the challenges of adolescence and young adulthood, and the search for meaning in life. The novel also explores the themes of love, loss, and redemption.

One of the most important themes in the novel is the power of love. The three brothers love each other deeply, and their love is able to sustain them through even the most difficult times. The novel also shows how love can be a source of both pain and joy.

Another important theme in the novel is the search for meaning in life. The three brothers are all searching for something to believe in, and they each find their own way to make sense of the world. Carl finds meaning in his

work as a doctor, David finds meaning in his family, and Michael finds meaning in his music.

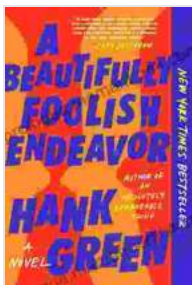
## Setting

The Carls is set in suburban Chicago in the 1960s and 1970s. The novel captures the feel of the era, and it shows how the social and political changes of the time affected the lives of the three brothers. The novel also explores the ways in which the suburbs can be both a source of comfort and a source of isolation.

## Style

The Carls is written in a lyrical and evocative style. Canin's prose is full of beautiful imagery, and he has a gift for capturing the emotions of his characters. The novel is also very well-structured, and the pacing is perfect. The novel is a pleasure to read, and it is sure to stay with you long after you finish it.

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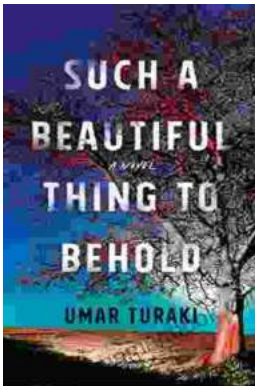
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