



## As Lie Is to Grin (Paperback)

By Simeon Marsalis

Catapult, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Shortlisted for the 2017 Center for Fiction First Novel Prize Simeon Marsalis's *As Lie Is to Grin* is not a satire meant to teach us lessons, nor a statement of hope or despair, but something more visionary--a portrait of a young man's unraveling, a depiction of how race shapes and deforms us, a coming-of-age story that is also a confrontation with American history and amnesia. The book achieves more in its brief span than most books do at three times the length. --Zachary Lazar, author of *I Pity the Poor Immigrant David*, the narrator of Simeon Marsalis's singular first novel, is a freshman at the University of Vermont who is struggling to define himself against the white backdrop of his school. He is also mourning the loss of his New York girlfriend, whose grandfather's alma mater he has chosen to attend. When David met Melody, he lied to her about who he was and where he lived, creating a more intriguing story than his own. This lie haunts and almost unhinges him as he attempts to find his true voice and identity. On campus in...

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