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Reef



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Beaches used to be places for relaxation. In these times of extreme tourism, travellers seek other thrills. Mario Müller, a former member of the rock group The Extraditables, discovers a visionary opportunity in the Caribbean: the pleasures of fear.

On the shores of an immense coral reef he builds The Pyramid, a resort that offers controlled danger, until a diver dies out of the water.

Müller knows his guests: some breed poisonous spiders, other play Russian roulette, others want a modern version of Mayan sacrifice. On the reef, delicate species swim between sharp rocks.

A reflection on the harm we choose to intensify our lives, this gripping novel by Juan Villoro describes a new ecology: climate change empties hotels and money laundering revives them as ghost emporiums.

But Reef is also a story of friendship, love and redemption.

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