

Strangers at the Feast

author: Jennifer Vanderbes

2026-07

Synopsis

authori¼š	Jennifer Vanderbes
readByi¼š	Renée Raudman
inLanguagei¼š	english

On Thanksgiving Day 2007, three generations of the Olson family gather. Eleanor and Gavin worry about their daughter, Ginny, an unmarried academic in her 30s, a newly adopted Indian daughter, and about their son, Douglas, who has recently been caught in the imploding real-estate bubble. But Ginny and Douglas, determined to have a perfect holiday, keep their troubles secret, a skill they have learned from their parents.

As old grudges, personality clashes, and a stove malfunction spiral the Olson's holiday into a tense and foodless afternoon, 17-year-old Kijo Jackson and his best friend, Spider, set out from the housing projects on a mysterious job. As these two families - one white, one black - head toward a violent and inevitable encounter, Jennifer Vanderbes masterfully lays bare the fraught lives of these fascinating characters and the lengths to which they will go to protect their families.

Reader's comments

comment 1:

â€"â€" ()