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Two men traveling from England disembark in Greece from the same boat. How their lives will accidentally and frighteningly intersect is the subject of this tense, deft novel.

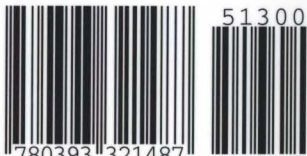
Kennedy, an Englishman of no fixed address, is looking for a teaching job in what he hopes will be a Greek paradise. An opportunist who finds himself falling in love—or at least lust—he orchestrates a scam that will have some intended—and some thoroughly unintended—consequences. Mitsos is returning to Greece after many years away. An unresolved family tragedy awakens again, from the ghosts of his parents' deaths and the brutal wartime politics of Greek against Greek. With utterly convincing and sharp characterizations, Barry Unsworth brings us the underside of the progenitor of Western civilization.

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