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Here comes another West Texas tale and a good one. by the author of "Thin Men of Haddam." Bobby Joe Gilbert lounges his way around small town Hederville, goes off to university, drops out and goes home with his bride, Ginger. His reputation for lady-killing and zero potential for success tag along wherever he goes, partly his fault, partly not. He queries himself, "Why can't I ever feel *right* about anything?" The old crowd in Hederville, Nelda Sue, Jackie Gayle, Heavy, Lonnie and Rabbit, don't seem to have the answers, nor do Pinball Polly or Ginger. Smith's portrait of a troubled young man searching for himself he knows not where, his anger, naivete, frustration, is alive, funny, sad and as real as it can be. Bobby Joe's thrashing around about himself and the way things are is country music in a new key. . July 18