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## The Last Harvest

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Grades 9 and Up – Clay Tate, high school quarterback and descendent of one of the six founding families, was a hero in Midland, Oklahoma before finding his father dying on the neighbor's barn floor. Clay has spent the year since tilling the wheat on the family farm, taking care of his mother and two sisters, and trying to forget. But Midland won't let go of Clay so easily: the Preservation Society, a cult-like club comprised of the other five founding families, has begun pressuring Clay to take his place on the council, while everyone else in town is pressuring Clay to reclaim his role on the school football team – that is, when they aren't treating him as if he's as crazy as his father. Clay doesn't know what to do. And now that he's seeing unexplainable things, he doesn't know who to trust. With static secondary characters, Clay's deep distrust of the Preservation Society, ache for former love Ali, dependence on guidance counselor Miss Granger, and ever-increasing paranoia take center stage in a tense and suspenseful, although sometimes predictable and cliché storyline. Depictions of Midland's reverential view of high school football and general alcohol and drug abuse are a little heavy-handed, but a twist in the plot wraps the ending up nicely. Strong language is included as is satanic worship and sexual situations. VERDICT An additional purchase for collections catering to avid fans of suspense and horror.