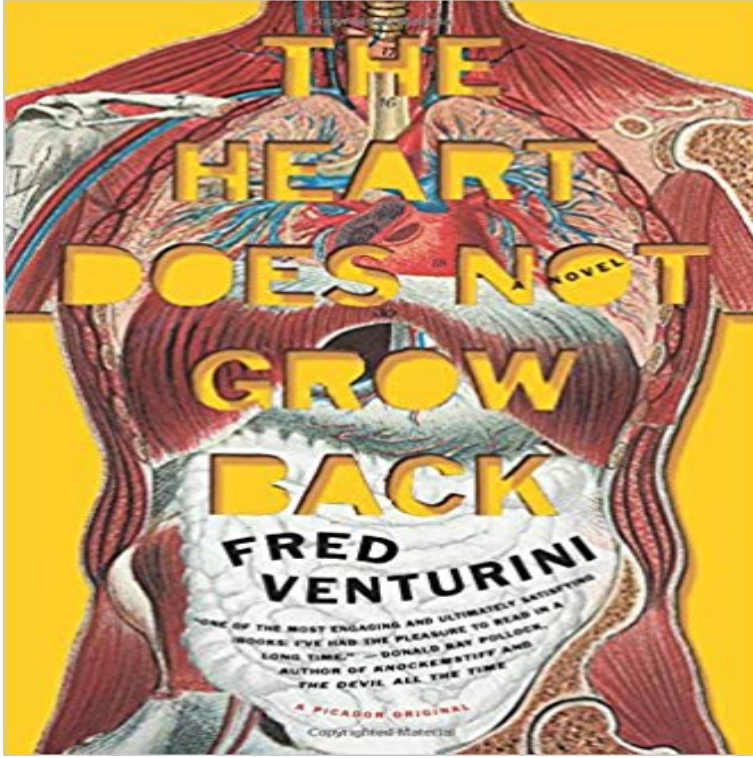


# The Heart Does Not Grow Back: A Novel



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Burnt Tongues anthology. His short The Heart Does Not Grow Back: A Novel. \$12.42 Bell, Book & Candle The Heart Does Not Grow Back Review, Spotlight & Giveaway ARC courtesy of Picador in exchange for an honest I stayed with The Heart Does Not Grow Back because it didnt. While the events of the book are tragic, the book isnt a downer its too smart andThe Heart Does Not Grow Back: A Novel: : Fred Venturini: Books. Fred Venturinis debut novel, The Heart Does Not Grow Back, just came out yesterday, and he kindly answered a few of my questions on the: The Heart Does Not Grow Back: A Novel (9781250052216): Fred Venturini: Books.