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**St. John of the Five Boroughs.**

Falco, Edward (Author)

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Avery Walker is a typical college student: partying, drinking, and trying to find herself in the world. At a party she meets Grant Danko, a brooding, older, performance artist from New York, who awakens her to a world outside of small-town college life. The two return to New York together, where Avery quickly adapts to city life, and Grant returns to work for his gangster uncle. Meanwhile, Avery's mother, aunt, and uncle are caught up in a precarious relationship that they must confront when they venture to New York to retrieve Avery. Like his previous novel, *Wolf Point* (2005), Falco's latest examines the underbelly of love and relationships, but he also populates the story with a cast of diverse and unusual characters. As the plot twists and turns, readers don't know what to expect next, which can prove both exciting and baffling. A solid story that will find a broad range of readers.

— *Heather Paulson*