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### Description:

**From Publishers Weekly** Sixteen years after *The Irreversible Decline of Eddie Socket*, Weir checks in with a follow-up that sparkles episodically but lacks the narrative drive of its celebrated predecessor. Fortyish novelist and Queens College professor Tom, who survived his 20s and 30s in a New York ravaged by AIDS, encounters a lifetime of demons during one jam-packed day in May 2000. Tom's straight boyhood friend Richie McShane, thinking he may be out of his depth on an Internet-arranged date with a person named Afrodytea, is bringing Tom along to chaperone. As the two navigate the five boroughs, Tom takes stock, pondering the wisdom of falling for his student Justin Innocenzio (a thuggish yet sensitive straight boy from Queens), and rehashing his first two love affairs (with suave older man Mark and street-smart girl Ava) and his early days with Richie. Most of all, though, Tom is haunted by friends lost to AIDS, particularly by the specter of Zack, a noisome, repellent activist from ACT UP days (possibly based on the late novelist David B. Feinberg, author of *Eighty-Sixed*). Though Weir's prose has humor and grace to spare, a cliché ghost adviser and intrusions of lousy student poetry aren't camp enough, and an overly complicated narrative

structure creates confusion.

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**Review** *What I Did Wrong* is done so right, so well. . . . How could you possibly not fall for this book?  
-- *Antonya Nelson, author of Female Trouble and Living to Tell*

A wry memoir of the AIDS era that is not so much elegy as ode to a hopeful and even lyric future. --  
*The Baltimore Sun*

Here's something John Weir did very right, indeed: he has written a lovely, wrenching, funny, erudite novel, heavy with history and loss and beauty. He is a poet. -- *David Rakoff, author of Don't Get Too Comfortable* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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