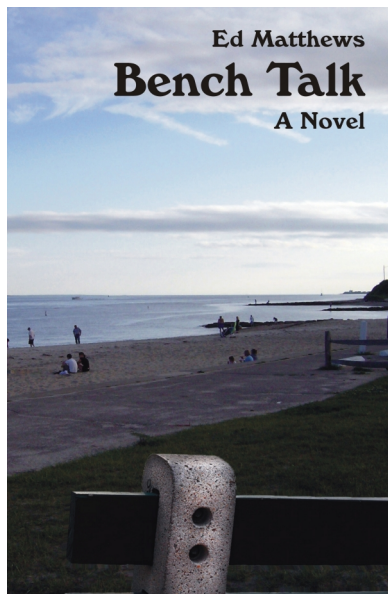


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The budding friendship allows each man to experience the laughter and camaraderie missing from their lives. Through the stories of Dave's adolescent past, each stumbles into love with two very different and equally compelling women. From a seaside bench, Dave and Charlie discover that life is for the living, asking themselves, "What happens when the kind of tomorrow you've hoped for finally arrives?"

Set in and around Casco Bay and Martha's Vineyard, Ed Matthews delivers a heartwarming tale about a second chance at life and what it takes to find a way in a world full of new people and new rules.

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