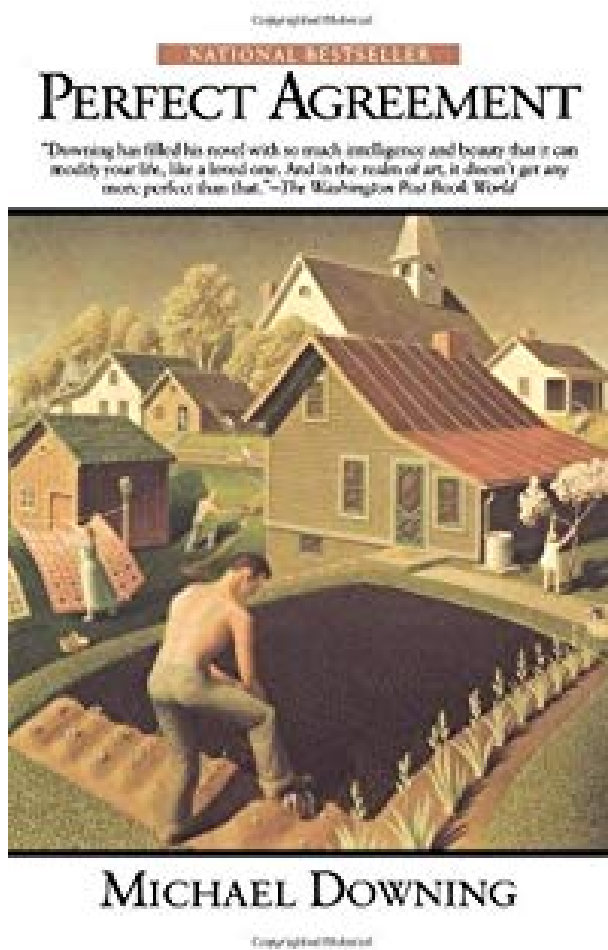


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"Mark Sternum is a vanishing breed: the grammarian. His love of order extends into his meticulously constructed life, but love and family, he learns, can't be made to agree as easily as subject and verb. One summer, he suddenly finds himself a not-entirely-unwilling outcast of the impossible world of academic political correctness, and his attention turns to the lost world of the Shakers.

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