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Dennis Potter : Black-eyes before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Black-eyes:

The elderly half-forgotten author Maurice Kingsley uses his beautiful fashion model niece Jessica's life as a model for a book, embroidering it with his own quirky insights into a surprise best-seller, a modern parable for a wasted life that becomes a candidate for the Booker Prize. Dennis Potter is author of "The Singing Detective" written for television. He has also written a previous novel, "Ticket to Ride".

From Publishers WeeklyPotter (Pennies from Heaven) offers a brilliantly executed tale about narrative control and sexual politics in which three voices struggle to seize the story of a victimized fashion model. An elderly writer, Maurice James Kingsley, stuns the British literary world with his novel "Sugar Bush"stet quotes that details the tortured life of "Blackeyes," a young model who is repeatedly abused by the men whose fantasies she projects upon billboards and television screens. The public lionizes Kingsley's work as a shocking representation of the plight of women. But the story is not his: Kingsley's niece Jessica had spoon-fed him her own biography in a calculated attempt to avenge a devastating past offense. In a frenzy, she now wants to "dismantle his narrative, reclaiming herself" and "rescue the sad girl in the fiction and the angry woman in her real life." In a final twist, the reader too becomes persecutor, partaking in vicarious thrills and horrors through the filter and control of a mysterious third narrator.

Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Dennis Potter was born in 1935 in Gloucestershire. After National Service he won a place at New College, Oxford where he read Philosophy, Politics and Economics. He became one of Britain's most accomplished and acclaimed dramatists. His plays for television include *Blue Remembered Hills* (1979), *Brimstone and Treacle* (commissioned in 1975 but banned until 1987), the series *Pennies from Heaven*. (1978), *The Singing Detective* (1986), *Blackeyes* (1989) and *Lipstick on Your Collar* (1993). He also wrote novels, stage plays and screenplays. *Seeing the Blossom*, his final television interview, was published in 1994. He died in June 1994.