

Loretta and The Drones by John Ginsburg (2018)

What do you get when you combine sexual obsession with rock and roll, in equal parts, and mix well?

Jimmy Green is the rhythm guitar player in a rock and roll band called The Drones. With his long hair, flared sideburns and cool sunglasses, he's a throwback to the sixties. Jimmy enjoys a comfortable, middle-class life with his wife Karen and their two adorable young daughters. But in recent times, that simple, predictable world has taken on a dangerous layer of complexity. For the past year, Jimmy has been secretly involved with another woman, Loretta Selby. Alluring and passionate, Loretta is married to Duane Selby, the talented and dominating lead guitar player in Jimmy's band. The steamy affair has worked perfectly for both Jimmy and Loretta. Both have seamlessly maintained their home lives and carefully preserved their secret. Until things change.

The novel begins on November 7, 2017, in Winnipeg. As Jimmy and Karen watch the evening news, they are shocked to learn of the disappearance of Loretta Selby. It has now been three weeks since Karen learned of Jimmy's year-long affair. What happened to Loretta?

Suspicion immediately falls on Loretta's volatile and fearsome husband, Duane. Soon enough, police find sufficient evidence to charge Duane in connection with Loretta's disappearance.

With rock and roll music as the insistent backdrop, the novel traces the changing course of Jimmy's sexual obsession with Loretta, and the dramatic story of Loretta's disappearance.