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A new collection of short stories by acclaimed writer
Dagoberto Gilb

**BEFORE THE END,
AFTER THE BEGINNING**

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Houston, Texas 77063

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**“You were born.
Until you die, the
rest is on you.
I’m just doing
my job.”**

From the story “Blessing”



**“My father was a pachuco
back in the day, and mother
barely stopped using a tortilla
for her only eating utensil”**

From the story “Cheap”

The pieces in *BEFORE THE END, AFTER THE BEGINNING* come in the wake of a stroke Gilb suffered at his home in Austin, Texas, in 2009, and a majority of the stories were written over many months of recovery. The result is a powerful and triumphant collection that tackles common themes of mortality and identity and describes the American experience in a raw, authentic vernacular unique to Gilb.

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