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The masterpiece of Joseph Conrad's later years, the autobiographical short novel "The Shadow-Line" depicts a young man at a crossroads in his life, facing a desperate crisis that marks the "shadow-line" between youth and maturity. This brief but intense story is a dramatically fictionalized account of Conrad's first command as a young sea captain trapped aboard a becalmed, fever-wracked, and seemingly haunted ship. With no wind in sight and his crew disabled by malaria, the narrator discovers that the medicine necessary to save the sick men is missing and its absence has been deliberately concealed. Meanwhile, his increasingly frightened first mate is convinced that the malignant ghost of the previous captain has cursed them. Suspenseful, atmospheric, and deceptively simple, Conrad's tale of the sea reflects the complex themes of his most famous novels, "Lord Jim" and "Heart of Darkness."

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