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imaginative adventure elegantly told. The Chimes reveals the human capacity to create both beauty and terror, in art and in life"--
"Long-listed for the Man Booker, this elegant, debut work of literary science fiction imagines a dystopian London in which memory is outlawed and music is a means of expression and a tool for oppression"--
