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Foreman, Martin. *The Butterfly's Wing.*
Gay Men, dist. by InBook/LPC Group.
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Tom Dayton, a some-time waiter, and Andy McIlroy, a worker for an international aid organization, own a small farm in the English countryside, where they enjoy a quiet life until Andy, while in Peru, is kidnapped by guerrillas of the Shining Path movement. The diary format used here first introduces us to Tom nearly a year after Andy has vanished. Through his entries, we learn of their pasts and his hopes for the future, as well as how he copes with reporters, friends, and his farm. Provided with notebooks, Andy writes of his struggles to convince his captors to free him. The novel is filled with multidimensional characters, emotion, and wonderful descriptions of scenery, and the plot moves smoothly. A minor distraction is the British terminology. Foreman (*A Sense of Loss*, *Gay Men*, 1993) has written a powerful piece of fiction. Recommended.—
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