About Shadow Man. A novel of psychological suspense about an idyllic community rocked by a serial killer—and a dark secret. Named one of the Best Mysteries of the Year by The Wall Street Journal. Detective Ben Wade has returned to his hometown of Rancho Santa Elena in search of a quieter life and to try to save his marriage. He must decide how far he is willing to go, and Natasha how much she is willing to risk, to protect their friendship and to rescue the town from a psychotic murderer and a long-buried secret. With fine, chilling prose, acclaimed author Alan Drew weaves richly imagined characters into the first of several thrilling novels of suspense featuring the California world of Ben Wade and Natasha Betencourt. Shadow Man revises the old detective story and turns it in several fascinating directions. Alan Drew writes with precision, subtlety, and a streak of suspense that does not often color the literary novel. William Landay, author of Defending Jacob. Shadow Man is smart, chilling, and impossible to put down. Claire Vaye Watkins, author of Gold Fame Citrus. Shadow Man has everything I like in a novel: grit, heart, and nail-biting suspense. It's the sort of magically absorbing novel that keeps you turning the pages and checking the locks on the door. Daniel Torday, author of The Last Flight of Poxl West. In Alan Drew's electric new novel, Southern California in the 1980s is so palpable it is almost a character of its own. An enrapturing read from its start to its unpredictable, enthralling finish.