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Dark Elderberry Branch: Poems of Marina Tsvetaeva (Mixed media product)

By Marina Tsvetaeva

ALICE JAMES BOOKS, United Kingdom, 2012. Mixed media product. Book Condition: New. 198 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. A poet of genius. --Vladimir Nabokov Via what Ilya Kaminsky and Jean Valentine call readings --not translations--of fragments of Marina Tsvetaeva's poems and prose, Tsvetaeva's lyrical genius is made accessible and poignant to a new generation of readers. By juxtaposing fragments of her poems with short pieces of prose, we begin to know her as poet, friend, enemy, woman, lover, and revolutionary. From Poems for Moscow (2) : From my hands--take this city not made by hands, my strange, my beautiful brother. Take it, church by church--all forty times forty churches, and flying up over them, the small pigeons; And Spassky Gates--in their flower-- where the Orthodox take off their hats; And the Chapel of Stars--refuge chapel-- where the floor is--polished by tears; Take the circle of the five cathedrals, my soul, my holy friend. Marina Tsvetaeva was born in Moscow in 1892 and died in 1941. Her poetry stands among the greatest works of twentieth century Russian writers. Ilya Kaminsky is the author of Dancing in Odessa (Tupelo Press, 2004) which won the Whiting Writers Award, the American...



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