



The Stone Fields: Love and Death in the Balkans (New edition)

By Courtney Brkic

Granta Books. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Stone Fields: Love and Death in the Balkans (New edition), Courtney Brkic, At twenty-three years old, forensic archaeologist Courtney Brkic joined a UN-contracted team excavating mass grave sites in eastern Bosnia. She was drawn there by her family history- her father is Croatian - and she was fluent in the language. As she describes the gruesome work of recovering remains and transcribing the memories of survivors, she retells her family's own catastrophic history in Yugoslavia. Alternating chapters explore her grandmother's life - her childhood in Herzegovina, early widowhood, and imprisonment during the Second World War for hiding her Jewish lover. The movement throughout the book between the past and the present has a powerful effect, evoking belonging and nationality, what it is to feel rooted in a particular country, how its landscape forms you; and also shedding light on the roots of violence and genocide.



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