



Driving with Dvorak: Essays on Memory and Identity

By Fleda Brown

University of Nebraska Press. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Driving with Dvorak: Essays on Memory and Identity, Fleda Brown, All our lives are made of moments, both simple and sublime, all of which in some way partake of the cultural moment. Fleda Brown is that rare writer who, in narrating the incidents and observations of her life, turns her story, by wit and insight and a poet's gift, into something more. "Driving with Dvorak" is an unconventional memoir. A series of lyrical essays about life in a maddeningly complex family during the even more maddeningly complex fifties and sixties, it adds up to one woman's story while simultaneously reflecting the story of her times. A strange and erratic father, a resigned and helpless mother, a mentally disabled brother, a sister with a brain tumour: folded into Brown's reflections are the intimacies and ambivalences of family and marriage, girlhood and adolescence, identity, and self-knowledge. Whether reflecting on the automobile industry or a wrenching parting from beloved pets or the process of aging, Brown's telling rings with great humour, profound perception, and a lyricism that makes even the most commonplace moment uncommonly good reading.



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