



California Calling: A Self-Interrogation (Paperback)

By Natalie Singer

HAWTHORNE BOOKS, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. This book split my heart open and reminded me how much immigrants matter, how much we all carry the traces of other worlds. LIDIA YUKNAVITCH, The Chronology of Water California Calling is a lyrical self-interrogation of obsession, emigration, and identity. Natalie Singer s story opens in a courtroom on a witness stand, where she s forced to testify in a family breakup that changes the course of her life. At sixteen Natalie emigrates from Montreal and the secrets it holds to the golden promise of the California Bay Area, just as her Jewish ancestors fled Russia and went west for a new life. Through uneasy rituals of high school pep rallies and college sex in boats and the backs of pickups, to a summer tracing a serial killer through the heart of Gold Country, to an eventual journalism career in San Francisco and the deserts of Palm Springs, Natalie aches to forge an American identity. At once an intimately unflinching memoir and a probing examination of the family and cultural myths that shape us, California Calling calls upon history, reportage, witness interrogation tactics, music and pop culture, and...



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