



## Phosphor in Dreamland (Paperback)

By Rikki Ducornet

Dalkey Archive Press, United States, 1995. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Wildly comic, erotic, and perverse, Rikki Ducornet's dazzling novel, *Phosphor in Dreamland*, explores the relationship between power and madness, nature and its exploitation, pornography and art, innocence and depravity. Set on the imaginary Caribbean island of Birdland, the novel takes the form of a series of letters from a current resident to an old friend describing the island's 17th-century history that brings together the violent Inquisition, the thoughtless extinction of the island's exotic fauna, and the amorous story of the deformed artist-philosopher-inventor Phosphor and his impassioned, obsessional love for the beautiful Extravaganza. The Jade Cabinet, Ducornet's previous novel (a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award), was described by one reviewer as Jane Austen meets Angela Carter via Lewis Carroll. *Phosphor in Dreamland* can be described as Jonathan Swift meets Angela Carter via Jorge Luis Borges. This is Ducornet at her magical best.



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