



Berlin Cantata

By Jeffrey Lewis

Haus Publishing Limited. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Berlin Cantata, Jeffrey Lewis, 'A city that has lost one of its limbs and is receiving a miraculous gift, a little bump under the flesh, where the limb is just beginning to grow back'. Thus does the American girl in Jeffrey Lewis' remarkable polyphonic novel describe Berlin and the 'remnant Jews, secret GDR Jews. Soviet Jews. Jews who'd fled and come back with the victors, Jews who were lost mandarins now, Jews who'd believed in the universality of man and maybe still did' whom she finds at a Day of Atonement gathering in the eastern part of the city in a year soon after the Wall fell. "Berlin Cantata" deploys thirteen voices to tell a story not only of atonement, but of discovery, loss, identity, intrigue, mystery, insanity, sadomasochism and lies. At its centre is a country house owned successively by Jews, Nazis and Communists. In the country house, the American girl seeks her hidden past. In the girl, a local reporter seeks redemption. In the reporter, a false hero of the past seeks exposure. In the false hero, the American girl seeks a guide. And so it goes, a round of conspiracy...



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