



## Nine Gates

By Jiri Langer

James Clarke & Co Ltd. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Nine Gates, Jiri Langer, Before the First World War, Jiri Langer, a youth in Prague of Jewish parentage, suddenly packed his few belongings and to the consternation of his family, made a journey into a remote part of eastern Galicia, where he settled among the Chassidim, a strange, self-contained community of Jewish mystics. This fascinating book grew out of his life and experience among these isolated people. He found 'a little nation' living in great poverty, who had deliberately cut themselves off from the mainstream of modern European civilisation, and lived their lives in a seemingly endless state of religious joy and exaltation; a people who had turned from Western materialism and had embraced a deeply spiritual and more brotherly way of life, which found joyful expression in song, dance, and a wonderful oral folk-literature. Nine Gates is the legacy of Jiri Langer's life among the Chassidim. He tells of their enthusiasm, their childlike faith, their ecstasies, their austerities, their feasts, their wonder-working Holy Rabbis, and their esoteric wisdom. The stories told of the saints of the Chassidim are ones of their most precious possessions, and to relate them...



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