



The Clouds Are Big with Mercy (Paperback)

By Fred Urquhart

Zeticula Ltd, United Kingdom, 2011. Paperback. Condition: New. Revised ed.. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. By 1937, many people, both employed and unemployed, were anticipating war, but from 1939 they were all thrust into it. Fred Urquhart s second collection of short stories reflects this. The young men are often reluctant to sign up for the Forces: the world seems on the move. Tenement dwellers react to the mysteries of Blackout, sirens, air-raids, air-raid shelters. Urquhart s stories reflect all this in robust and often comic fashion. The longest, The Laundry Girl and the Pole , concerns one of his favourite subjects, the transformation that foreign soldiers could bring to local girls, relatively starved of freedom, in the exciting new Blackout. Wild nights in the chip shop! Language ceases to be the major problem. Sudden brief romances become the risky order of the day. red Urquhart (1912-1995) was born in Edinburgh and spent much of his childhood there, where his grandparents lived, and later he worked in an Edinburgh book shop for some years (my university). He is best known as a superb short story writer. When he began to write it...

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