



Hidden View

By Brett Ann Stanciu

Green Writers Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Hidden View, Brett Ann Stanciu, Hidden View is a short novel set in the Vermont agrarian landscape, a story of Fern Hartshorn, unworldly, and unexpectedly pregnant at nineteen. Marrying an older man she barely knows, Fern begins her adult life on an isolated and hardscrabble farm named Hidden View. Shortly after the birth of her daughter, the future of the farm is jeopardized by a family dispute over ownership between her husband and his brother, Lucien. Unwillingly, Fern is torn between the two brothers, bound to Hal by marriage, child, and a modicum of economic stability, and to Lucien by companionship and a deepening desire. This novel embodies the geography of Vermont. The mountainous landscape suffuses the novel with its mark upon characters through spring mud, the lavish profusion of summer, winter's bitter starkness, and its constant, ineffable beauty. Just as the landscape seasonally transforms, the characters of Hidden View reveal themselves through action and dialogue. Thus, in a snowstorm, while a young child pleads for a toasted cheese sandwich, Fern struggles with her deteriorating marriage and rising desire for Lucien, struggling at the uniquely human place of how, and why,...



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