



This Close: Stories

By Jessica Francis Kane

Graywolf Press, U.S., United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 208 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. This Close, a graceful, moving new collection by the author of The Report *An NPR and Flavorwire Best Book of the Year *How close can we come to love, success, happiness, forgiveness? An older woman, irritated with her wealthy young neighbor's yard improvements, offers a corner of her lawn to a Croatian immigrant who wants a vegetable garden. A recent college graduate living in New York City finds himself in a strangely entangled friendship with his dry cleaner and her son. A daughter accompanies her father to Israel, where, seeing a new side of him away from her mother, she makes an unusual bargain. Through thirteen stories, some stand-alone, others woven with linked characters, Kane questions the tensions between friendship and neighborliness, home and travel, family and ambition. In writing filled with wit and humor and incredible poignancy, she deftly reveals the everyday patterns that, over time, can swerve a life off course.



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