



Sophia: A Memoir (Paperback)

By G P Walmsley

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The story takes readers through a couple of decades, tracing the life of John (Jack) Dupree from his days as a wartime New Orleans street kid of eleven through his ups-and-downs as a musician, friend, lover, and human being. The part of the portrait that illumines Jack s coming of age in the 1950s, a section that includes his service in the Korean War, is even better at capturing the feel of a decade than the delineation of the other periods - and this sense of time and place (including St. Louis and New York) is always keen. Jack s early education takes place in the saloons and jazz clubs of his native city, and his passion for jazz, still mainly the province of black musicians, is matched only by his passion for women. His sexual experience begins early and it continues to define him through the decades that follow. Walmsley draws this formative New Orleans milieu quite convincingly and along the way he probes the racial tensions of the times. He also probes the dynamics by which racial barriers...

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