



Medusa: The Fourth Kingdom (Paperback)

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City Lights Books, United States, 2001. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Among the most unusual narratives to emerge from Europe in recent years, Medusa: The Fourth Kingdom reexamines the myth of the petrifying Gorgon, offering a new perspective on femininity, passion, and self-creation. The mythological figure of Medusa haunts the life of a young Italian woman, who becomes obsessed with a reticent, emotionally distant man. We hear the woman's account of their meetings, their lovemaking, her longing. We have another view of her story through a journal account written by one of her friends, who is, among other things, engaged in a study of the myth of Medusa. From diverse perspectives we see her path to independence and wholeness, a initiatory journey that requires courage and love. A poetic and meticulously constructed story of a woman's quest for transformation, Medusa takes into account both ordinary and magical aspects of reality to create a contemporary psychological parable. Whenever a contemporary Italian writer awakens one of the Mediterranean's slumbering myths, we understand that it had never died. Thus the myth of Medusa, who many of us see only as a horrid, severed, snake-covered head, the...



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