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The Golden Spruce: A True Story of Myth, Madness and Greed

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Cornerstone. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Golden Spruce: A True Story of Myth, Madness and Greed, John Vaillant, On a bleak winter night in 1997, a British Columbia timber scout named Grant Hadwin committed an act of shocking violence: he destroyed the legendary Golden Spruce of the Queen Charlotte Islands. With its rich colours, towering height and luminous needles, the tree was a scientific marvel, beloved by the local Haida people who believed it sacred. "The Golden Spruce" tells the story of the sadness which pushed Hadwin to such a desperate act of destruction - a bizarre environmental protest which acts as a metaphor for the challenge the world faces today. But it also raises the question of what then happened to Hadwin, who disappeared under suspicious circumstances and remains missing to this day. Part thrilling mystery, part haunting depiction of the ancient beauty of the coastal wilderness, and part dramatic chronicle of the historical collision of Europeans and the native Haida, "The Golden Spruce" is a timely portrait of man's troubled relationship with a vanishing world.



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