



The Homecoming Party (Paperback)

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Europa Editions, United States, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. It is Christmas Eve. Sitting on the steps of the village church in front of an enormous bonfire lit in celebration of the season, a father and his son exchange stories. The father speaks of life as an emigrant from Italy, in perpetual limbo between departure and return, between France and his home. The son tells of a life marred by his father's long absences, but also of an otherwise idyllic childhood spent in a vivid, enchanting land. Each hides an awful secret concerning the fate of a mysterious man whose affair with the boy's older sister changed their lives. On this night of nights, a shared truth that has long been buried in the hearts of both men will finally emerge. Set in an Arbëresh town in southern Italy and told in alternating first-person voices, *The Homecoming Party* is simultaneously a coming-of-age novel, a love story, and a heartfelt cry against the atrocious standards of living that force so many southern Italians to seek a better life elsewhere. In Antony Shugaar's masterful translation, *The Homecoming Party* is an intense and moving...

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