



Chouboli Other Stories, Vol I (Paperback)

By Vijaydan Detha

Fordham University Press, United States, 2011. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The rollicking, folk-based tales of Rajasthani writer Vijaydan Detha have been winning awards in India since the 1970s. Only recently, however, have they been available in English translation. Detha has a gift for selecting the most provocative tales he hears from his fellow villagers and re-creating them in a literary form as engaging and daring as his oral sources. In one tale a ghost uses his powers to change a woman's sex so that she can stay married to the woman she loves. In another-re-created in film by Mani Kaul in the early 1970s as Duvidha and more recently by Bollywood director Amol Palekar as the wildly successful Paheli-a ghost falls in love with a young bride and assumes her husband's form so convincingly even her in-laws are fooled. In the title story of this collection, a group of Bania merchants engage in battle to the death with a group of nomadic Banjaras over a misplaced fleck of straw. These stories pose riddles that find new relevance across languages and eras: Who has the right to tell us whom to marry? What...

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