



Sarah Bastard s Notebook (Paperback)

By Marian Engel

Insomniac Press, Canada, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The Insomniac Library is proud to republish for the first time in over twenty years Marian Engel s memorable first novel, Sarah Bastard s Notebook. First published in 1968 by Longman Canada, the novel tells the funny and frustrating story of thirty-year-old ex-academic Sarah Porlock as she makes her way through the minefields of career and love in late-1960s Toronto. Long recognized for her groundbreaking novel Bear (1976), Engel s first novel can now rightly be seen to inaugurate and participate in a number of important literary traditions. As in Richler, Gallant, and Callaghan, the novel is a tug of war between Europe and Canada as the heroine s true home. At the same time, it is a stylistic intervention reminiscent of Symons with its notebook conceit. Finally, Sarah Bastard s Notebook is also one of the first unabashedly feminist novels written in Canada, founding a tradition that would continue with the work of Margaret Atwood, Aritha van Herk, and many others.



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