



The Living

By Anjali Joseph

HarperCollins Publishers. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Living, Anjali Joseph, A tender, lyrical novel from the author of the prize winning Saraswati Park, which offers profound insights into everyday life, capturing its simultaneous tedium and beauty. The simple sweetness of being hungover and not able to think; the sadness as the electric lights come on and the air holds the smell of dhoop and wood smoke; the way a funeral can feel like a film premiere; the way certain words - beer garden, holiday home - tell you you're meant to be having a good time; the way a catastrophe removes that terrible sadness children feel on a cloudy summer day looking at line of trees waiting just waiting for something to happen. Feelings so common, so universal, that they are rarely thought about are, in this superb novel, given centre stage, described with great accuracy, lyrical beauty and heartbreaking poignancy. They are felt by two characters. Claire is a single mum working in one of England's last remaining shoe factories in Norwich. Her life hasn't worked out quite as she hoped. Arun is an elderly Indian man who still makes chappals by hand. A recovering alcoholic, he...

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