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## The Periodic Table

By Primo Levi

Penguin Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 194 x 128 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Primo Levi's *The Periodic Table* is a collection of short stories that elegantly interlace the author's experiences in Fascist Italy, and later in Auschwitz, with his passion for scientific knowledge and discovery. This Penguin Modern Classics edition of is translated by Raymond Rosenthal with an essay on Primo Levi by Philip Roth. A chemist by training, Primo Levi became one of the supreme witnesses to twentieth-century atrocity. In these haunting reflections inspired by the elements of the periodic table, he ranges from young love to political savagery; from the inert gas argon - and inert relatives like the uncle who stayed in bed for twenty-two years - to life-giving carbon. Iron honours the mountain-climbing resistance hero who put iron in Levi's student soul, Cerium recalls the improvised cigarette lighters which saved his life in Auschwitz, while Vanadium describes an eerie post-war correspondence with the man who had been his boss there. In his essay, Philip Roth reproduces a conversation with Primo Levi, delving into the process of Levi's authorial technique, his sense of identity and distinctiveness...



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