



Doruntine

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New Amsterdam Books, United States, 1998. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 206 x 134 mm. Language: English. Brand New Book. In a medieval Albanian town, two women, mother and daughter, are on their deathbed. Three years have passed since Doruntine married a foreigner and went off with him to his home far to the west in Bohemia. During those years there had been no communication with her. War broke out, and of her nine brothers, some died in battle, some of plague caught from the enemy soldiers. All were dead. And last night Doruntine came home. Captain Stres, head of the constabulary of the region makes these remarks in his official report: From within, the old lady asked who was there, and then the few words exchanged by the daughter and her motherDthe former saying that it was she, and she had come with Constantine, and the other replying that Constantine was three years deadDgave both of them the shock that felled them. I thought it necessary to make a report about these events because they concern one of the noblest families of the principality, and because they are of a kind that might seriously trouble people s minds....



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