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Scattered Sand: The Story of China's Rural Migrants (2nd Revised edition)

By Hsiao-Hung Pai

Verso Books. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Scattered Sand: The Story of China's Rural Migrants (2nd Revised edition), Hsiao-Hung Pai, Each year, 200 million workers from China's vast rural interior travel between cities and provinces in search of employment: the largest human migration in history. This indispensable army of labor accounts for half of China's GDP, but is an unorganized workforce - "scattered sand," in Chinese parlance - and the most marginalized and impoverished group of workers in the country. For two years, the award-winning journalist Hsiao-Hung Pai traveled across China visiting laborers on Olympic construction sites, in the coal mines and brick kilns of the Yellow River region, and at the factories of the Pearl River Delta. She witnessed the outcome of the 2009 riots in the Muslim province of Xinjiang; saw towns in rubble more than a year after the colossal earthquake in Sichuan; and was reunited with long-lost relatives, estranged since her mother's family fled for Taiwan during the Civil War. Scattered Sand is the result of her travels: a finely wrought portrait of those left behind by China's dramatic social and economic advances.



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