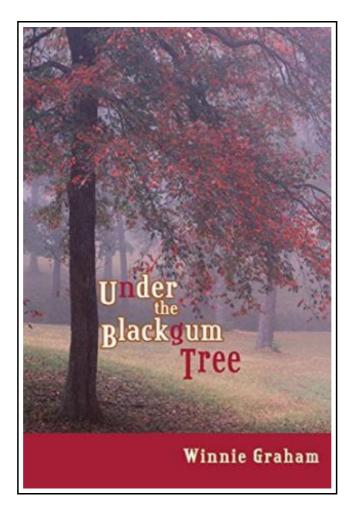
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Stephen F. Austin University Press, 2013. Book Condition: New. Brand New, Unread Copy in Perfect Condition. A+ Customer Service! Summary: It's March and a light breeze stirs the wildflowers that are just beginning to bloom. Yellow jasmine vines and wild grapes twining up many of the trees have started budding out, and the dog wood and red bud trees are getting ready to bloom. In the river bottoms, the wild, evergreen magnolias and holly show sprigs of new growth. The scent of pine needles and pine rosin is strong in the warm air. The deciduous trees in the wood elm, sweet gum (liquid amber), hickory, several species of oak, along with the wild plums and persimmons are beginning to leaf out. Some of the blackberry brambles and huckleberry hushes already have green leaves. Winter, with its frosty mornings and chilly nights, is over, but the heat and humidity of summer are a good ways off. If you pick up a handful of dirt, you'll find the soil gives off more heat to your skin that it draws out. It's time to go fishing, plant gardens and fields, and gather a mess of wild poke greens for a salad. These are the Piney Woods of East Texas that the early American pioneers found, and of which vast stretches vast stretches still remain. The word "Texas" often conjures images of sagebrush and cactus or wild chaparral, but that description fits the Piney Woods about as well as a Hawaiian rainforest scenario fits Manhattan. Technically, a mixed hardwood/softwood forest, pines do predominate. Some of the once plentiful hardwood trees still remain, but many have been logged off over the years. The area gets decent rainfall (except in drought years), so rivers, creeks, and branches wind through the countryside where here, according to tradition,...



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