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## Blue Direction

By Aamer Hussein

Penguin Books Australia, Australia, 2003. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 202 x 134 mm. Language: N/A. Brand New Book. Acclaimed both in Pakistan and in Britain, Aamer Hussein's first collection of stories, *Mirror to the Sun*, was chosen by Shena Mackay as one of her Books of the Year 1993. In his long awaited second collection--which includes the experimental sequence *Skies*--he continues and deepens his oblique, subversive portrayal of the preoccupations of our time: betrayal, bereaving, exile, belonging and the writer's role. In *The Blue Direction* a teenaged boy's life uncannily begins to resemble the role he plays in a school operetta; in *The Lost Cantos of the Silken Tiger* a poet revenges herself on her faithless lover by turning their romance into a biblical legend; and in *This Other Salt* a writer torn between two loves, looks for his lost worlds in the gap between memory, mourning and desire. Combining satire, legend, poetry, history and memoir, the linked stories of *The Blue Direction* reveal an author of uncommon talent at the height of his craft. Extraordinarily controlled, written in a tactile, musical prose, with a very individual sense of beauty. A striking and original contribution to the...



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