



Lying Awake: An Unfinished Autobiography and Other Posthumous Papers (Main)

By Catherine Carswell, John Carswell

Canongate Books Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Lying Awake: An Unfinished Autobiography and Other Posthumous Papers (Main), Catherine Carswell, John Carswell, As a fine novelist, critic and biographer Catherine Carswell led a passionate and various life, full of intellectual commitment and a wide range of social interests. She worked on this original, modest and yet richly remarkable autobiography over a number of years, coming back to it again and again, almost as an act of meditation. The younger daughter of a Glasgow shipping merchant, Catherine Macfarlane studied music in Frankfurt before returning to Glasgow and then moving to London where she worked as a literary and dramatic reviewer and met her second husband, Donald Carswell, and a wide circle of literary and cultural figures, including a succession of Soviet ambassadors, Lady Tweedsmuir and D.H. Laurence. In fact she became one of Laurence's close friends, and it was he who encouraged her to write her first novel, *Open the Door!*, based on her own background and a sense of growing social and spiritual independence. Carswell's interests and enthusiasms encompassed (among others) Herzen, Dickens, T.S. Eliot, Rabelais, Burns and Boccaccio, but *Lying Awake* is the distillation of her thoughts on...



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