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The Moral Life of Soldiers: A Novel & Five Stories

By Jerome Gold

Black Heron Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Moral Life of Soldiers: A Novel & Five Stories, Jerome Gold, "The Moral Life of Soldiers" comprises a novel and five stories. The title story, the novel, is told by an elderly officer retired from the People's Army of Viet Nam (North Vietnam), recalling his experience in the American army's Special Forces in Central America before he joined the PAVN. On one level, the story is about what causes a soldier to take up arms against his comrades. But it is also about the relations between men, and between men and women. And it is about the price one just sometimes pay for love. A novella-length story, "Paul's Father," is set in 1950's Georgia, in the period just before school integration in the south. It focuses on a white family relocated to Georgia from the north, and the moral compromises they must make to live peacefully among their white neighbours, and the compromises they resist making. The other four stories are set in California and have the teenage Paul Donaldson as their protagonist. These are coming-of-age stories in the more traditional sense, focusing on dysfunctional family life and the confusion...



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