



Keeping Corner

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Disney-Hyperion. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 304 pages. Dimensions: 8.2in. x 5.5in. x 0.8in. Ba slipped the gold bangles from my wrists. The gold ones were plain so I didnt mind taking them off, but I loved wearing my milk-glass bangles and the lakkh bracelets. A widow cant wear bangles, she said. They are signs of a womans good fortune. When your husband dies its over. What if my good fortune comes backIt doesnt. Pretty as a peacock, twelve-year-old Leela had been spoiled all her life. She doesnt care for school and barely marks the growing unrest between the British colonists and her own countrymen. Why should she Her future has been planned since her engagement at two and marriage at nine. Leelas whole life changes, though, when her husband dies. Shes now expected to behave like a proper widow: shaving her head and trading her jewel-toned saris for rough, earth-colored ones. Leela is considered unlucky now, and will have to stay confined to her house for a year-keep corner-in preparation for a life of mourning for a boy she barely knew. When her schoolteacher hears of her fate, she offers Leela lessons at home. For the first time, despite her...



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