



Seventh Beggar

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Book Condition: New. Ships From Canada. Glued binding. Paper over boards. With dust jacket. 355 pages. Audience: General/trade. From Publishers Weekly: Starred Review. Those looking for successors to Isaac Bashevis Singer (whose short stories were published by the Library of America this summer) should read Abraham's novel about contemporary Chasids. The broad narrative goes like this: Joel Jakob, a yeshiva student of the Berditchev Chasidim, dies young in a flash flood; his nephew, Jakob Joel, who breaks with Chasid tradition and goes to MIT, is vaguely haunted by the uncle he never met. As a teenager, Joel reads the Book of Tales by Nachman, the historically real founder of the rival Bratislav Chasid, to the distress of his father, R. Moshele, the son of the ""Berditchever"" and founder of the Monsey, N.Y., yeshiva. R. Moshele's worries increase as Joel becomes subject to seizures, takes an unauthorized journey to Nachman's grave in Uman, Ukraine, and is quietly expelled from the yeshiva. Unbeknownst t.



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