



Various Pets Alive & Dead

By Lewycka, Marina.

Fig Tree. 1 Paperback(s), 2012. soft. Book Condition: New. For 20 years Doro and Marcus lived in a commune, convinced that lentils and free love would change the world. They didn't, of course. What they did do was give their children a terror of radicalism, dirt, cooking rotations, and poverty. In this fourth novel from Marina Lewycka following her Man Booker Prize nominee *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian* and the Orwell Prize runner-up *Strawberry Fields* daughter Clara wants nothing less conformist than her own, clean bathroom. Their son Serge hides the awkward fact that he's a banker in London, making pots of money. So when Doro and Marcus spring a surprise on their kids (just as the world is rocked by the economic meltdown that these left-wingers had always imagined would come), the family is forced to confront some thorny truths about themselves. "Made me laugh at least once every chapter. Lewycka's fiction is unlike anything else around at present. The warmth of its zest, its blend of quirky, humane comedy and intellectual seriousness make this a novel to treasure." *New Statesman* "Lewycka is not only witty but astute. It is a charming, beautifully observed novel, and those who label Lewycka a merely..."



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