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How to Get Over (Paperback)

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Red Hen Press, United States, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. An astonishing debut, how to get over is part instruction manual, part prayer, part testimony. It attempts to solve the reader s problems (by telling them how to get over), while simultaneously creating them--troubling the waters with witness and blues. ford s poems witness via a series of past life portraits that navigate personal space as well as the imagined persona. These portraits conjure the blues via the imagined lives of the inanimate (a whip, a machete), the historic (a Negro burial ground, Harriet Tubman, The Red Summer), the iconic (Pecola Breedlove, Richard Pryor, Rodney King). At the same time, these portraits focus on the past lives of the author and grapple with themes including sexuality, sexual abuse, and substance abuse. The collection s namesake poems speak to bullying and homophobia, blackness, whiteness and gentrification, and even directly address pop culture icons like Kanye West, Chaka Khan, and Nicky Minaj. Grounded in memory and re-memory, these poems pray in the voice of the ancestors and testify on their behalf. ford s poems not only remind how the history and legacy of slavery placed African-Americans at...



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This book is definitely not straightforward to get started on studying but extremely exciting to read. It is really simplistic but shocks in the 50 percent of the ebook. Once you begin to read the book, it is extremely difficult to leave it before concluding.
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This publication is amazing. It is definitely basic but shocks in the fifty percent of your publication. You wont feel monotony at anytime of your own time (that's what catalogues are for concerning if you question me). -- **Prof. Kirk Cruickshank DDS**

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