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The Enigma of Arrival: A Novel in Five Sections (Paperback)

By V. S. Naipaul

Pan MacMillan, United Kingdom, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Taking its title from the strangely frozen picture by the surrealist painter Giorgio de Chirico, The Enigma of Arrival tells the story of a young Indian from the Caribbean arriving in post-imperial England and consciously, over many years, finding himself as a writer. It is the story of a journey, from one place to another, from the British colony of Trinidad to the ancient countryside of England, and from one state of mind to another, and is perhaps Naipaul s most autobiographical work. Yet alongside this he weaves a rich and complex web of invention and observation. Finding depth and pathos in the smallest moments - the death of a cottager, the firing of an estate s gardener - Naipaul also comprehends the bigger picture - watching as the old world is lost to the gradual but permanent changes wrought on the English landscape by the march of ` progress . This is a moving and beautiful novel told with great dignity, compassion and candour. ` Written with the expected beauty of style . . . Instead of diminishing life, Naipaul ennobles it Anthony Burgess, Observer ` The conclusion...



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