



A Father's Words: A Novel (Paperback)

By Richard Stern

The University of Chicago Press, United States, 1990. Paperback. Condition: New. New edition. Language: English . Brand New Book. Cy Riemer-fifty-ish, divorced, and father of four-surveys the dispersal of his family with a mixture of anxiety, humor, sadness, and pride. In this wry, moving, and wise novel, Richard Stern offers his masterful portrait of Cy as the quintessential caring yet controlling parent, a relentless seeker of self-knowledge whose search is intensified through conflicts with his brilliant, ne er-do-well son Jack. The manipulation of a smart, sane, self-justifying narrator . . . is not the least of Stern s achievements in this delicate fabrication of tough prose and tender adjustment of sentiment. -Geoffrey Wolff, Los Angeles Times Richard Stern s novels are robustly intelligent, very funny, and beguilingly humane. He knows as much as anyone writing American prose about family mischief, intellectual shenanigans, love blunders-and about writing American prose. -Philip Roth A delectable rhetorical display. . . . -The New Yorker Anyone who has read Richard Stern s previous novels won t need to be told he is an unusually crisp and intelligent writer, with a sharp edge to his wit; and in A Father s Words he runs true to...



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