



The First Well: A Bethlehem Boyhood

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Hesperus. 1 Paperback(s), 2012. soft. Book Condition: New. As a child in British Mandate Palestine, poet and translator Jabra Ibrahim Jabra (1920-94) enjoyed proximity to a rich confluence of cultures in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. In this 1987 memoir, Jabra uses vivid prose to sensitively evoke his Christian family, his school friends, and the eccentric characters of what is now a vanished world. "Jabra crowns childhood as the hero of the novel. He excels at weaving in childhood scenes that slake his thirst in his adulthood, and at documenting the moments in which the heart beats wildly with excitement, melting in the face of moments of grace and kindness, and unraveling after setbacks." Haaretz (Israel) 217.



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