



## Father Dirt

By Mihaela Moscaliuc

Alice James Books. Paperback / softback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Father Dirt, Mihaela Moscaliuc, "With exquisite lyricism Mihaela Moscaliuc recreates her childhood in Ceausescu's Romania. The narrative of hardship and loss is arresting and poignant but it's the flavors and smells, the rich evocation of folk medicines, the vivid descriptions of potions, ghosts, and ways to ward off demons that raise this first book to impressive heights." --Maxine Kumin Mihaela Moscaliuc's lyric debut unveils Communist and post-Communist Romanian life, recounting experiences and landscapes like a true wanderer. Romantic and spellbinding, her quest to understand language, origin, and country unites celebration with mourning, the sacred with the profane, apathy with compassion. From "Cold War Redux": I don't understand why history twists her own arm but I saw her do it: eyes squinted, lips thinned, she clipped our vocal chords, blew echoes into our gas stoves. We grew delirious with want behind the screeching Wall, dreamt stocks and bonds while dining on smoked plums. I don't understand why history scars her own body, but I know this: it could have been my own, gone insane, riding the skies, scything towers, and your own now on my land, pulverizing my parents' bodies. Born and raised in Romania, Mihaela...



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