



Reverse Side of Life (Paperback)

By Lee Seung-U

Peter Owen Publishers, United Kingdom, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Translation. Language: English . Brand New Book. South Korean corporate culture (Hyundai, Daewoo, Samsung et al.) is omnipresent in the West. New Korean cinema, with its trademark blend of the art house and the commercial, is now sweeping into our theatres. Literature is a rarer thing, but it is coming. The Reverse Side of Life is one such example, a landmark book that was awarded the Daesan Prize, South Korea's equivalent of the Booker Prize. Bak Bugil's father is a genius. Everyone in the village expects him to pass the civil service examination and become a judge. Except that he hasn't been seen since he left to study in Seoul. Bak lives with his mother and his father's relations. At the end of a path that leads to rear of their house is a persimmon tree and an old ramshackle hut. Children are forbidden by grown-ups to go near the tree, but Bak makes repeated incursions to collect the forbidden fruit. Every time his uncle catches him, he is severely rebuked and physically beaten. But an encounter with the inhabitant of the hut changes his life forever....

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