



Doctorow: Collected Stories (Hardback)

By MR E L Doctorow

RANDOM HOUSE, 2017. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. A superb collection of fifteen stories--including Wakefield, the inspiration for the film starring Bryan Cranston--by the author of Ragtime, The March, The Book of Daniel, and Billy Bathgate He has been called a national treasure by George Saunders. Doctorow s great topic, said Don DeLillo, is the reach of American possibility, in which plain lives take on the cadences of history. This power is apparent everywhere in these stories: the bravery and self-delusion of people seeking the American dream; the geniuses, mystics, and charlatans who offer people false hope, or an actual glimpse of greatness. In A House on the Plains, a mother has a plan for financial independence, which may include murder. In Walter John Harmon, a man starts a cult using subterfuge and seduction. Jolene: A Life follows a teenager who escapes her home for Hollywood on a perilous quest for success. Heist, the account of an Episcopal priest coping with a crisis of faith, was expanded into the bestseller City of God. The Water Works, about the underbelly of 1870s New York, grew into a brilliant novel. Liner Notes: The Songs of Billy Bathgate is...



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