



The Keeper's Daughter: Rose and the Archipelago of Shifting Memories

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Talon Books, Canada. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Keeper's Daughter: Rose and the Archipelago of Shifting Memories, Jean-Francois Caron, W. Donald Wilson, As a way to draw visitors to their isolated fishing village on Quebec's North Shore, the tourist bureau commissions a documentary film recreating life as it was lived there in the 1940s and 50s. To gather material for the project, the filmmaker is sent in search of Rose Brouillard, now an old woman but raised on an island just offshore by Onile, a local fisherman. Rose is finally tracked down in Montreal, where she lives a solitary life fogged by one of the inevitabilities of old age - failing memory. "Dorothea" (the name Rose gives the young filmmaker), takes her back to scenes from her childhood and invites her to tell her story as they go, and so we return to a past assembled from Rose's fragmented recollections. Structured as a series of short cinematic "takes," this novel about recovering both personal and shared histories is told in a polyphony of voices, including Rose herself (as a child, an adolescent, and in her old age), the sexton of the village church, his three female cousins, an elderly...



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