



City of Spades: Allison & Busby Classics

By Colin MacInnes

Allison & Busby. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, City of Spades: Allison & Busby Classics, Colin MacInnes, 'You leave your mother and your brother too, You leave the pretty wife you're never faithful to, You cross the sea to find those streets that's paved with gold, And all you find is Brixton cell that's oh! so cold.' London, 1957. Victoria Station is awash with boat trains discharging hopeful black immigrants into a cold and alien land. Liberal England is about to discover the legacy of Empire. And when Montgomery Pew, a newly appointed assistant welfare officer in the Colonial Department, meets Johnny Fortune, recently arrived from Lagos, the meeting of minds and races takes a surprising turn. Colin MacInnes gives London back to the people who create its exciting sub-culture. Hilarious, anti-conventional, blisteringly honest and fully committed to youth and vitality, City of Spades is a unique and inspiring tribute to a country on the brink of change.

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