



The Valley of Ashes (Paperback)

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Outskirts Press, United States, 2010. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 140 mm. Language: English Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.A City of Dreams and Ashes The gritty gray dust that was more ash than anything else crunched under my shoes in the gutter as I walked along, hunched over against the cool bite in the breeze that penetrated despite the warmth of the sun. The breeze was clean, coming out of the northwest instead of the south, so it carried no new ash, no new grit, from the steel mills across the river. So begins the story of two young men trying to find their way through the turbulence of the 1970s -- not the nostalgic 1970s of popular culture, but the 1970s of drugs, violence, economic crisis, dying industry and lost dreams. They were members of an age group sometimes called The Blank Generation, lost between the Boomers and the Genexers. These are not the people of discos, gold chains and polyester leisure suits, the Boomers who were shaped by the Vietnam War. These are the people on the edges, shaped and disillusioned by Watergate, Ford and Carter. Set against the backdrop of a city built...



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