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Kobzar's Children: A Century of Untold Ukrainian Stories

By Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

Fitzhenry & Whiteside. Paperback / softback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Kobzar's Children: A Century of Untold Ukrainian Stories, Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch, Due to more mature content, this book is recommended for children 14 and up. The Kobzars were the blind minstrels of Ukraine, who memorized the epic poems and stories of 100 generations. Traveling around the country, they stopped in towns and villages along the way, where they told their tales and were welcomed by all. During the early years of Stalin's regime in the USSR, the Kobzars wove their traditional stories with contemporary warnings of soviet repression, famine, and terror. When Stalin heard of it, he called the first conference of Kobzars in Ukraine. Hundreds congregated. Then Stalin had them murdered. As the storytellers of Ukraine died, so too did their stories. "Kobzar's Children" is an anthology of short historical fiction, memoirs, and poems written about the Ukrainian immigrant experience. The stories span a century of history from 1905 to 2004; and they contain the voices of people who lived through internment as "enemy aliens," homesteading, famine, displacement, concentration camps, and this new century as Orange Revolution. More than a collection, it is a social document that revives memories...



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