



Talking to the Dead and Other Stories (Paperback)

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Random House (Pty) Ltd South Africa, South Africa, 2011. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In an O. Henry Award-winning story, set in a village on Hawaii's Lahaina coast, Aunty Talking to the Dead patiently teaches her young apprentice how best to still the soul of a passing spirit. Minerva, tap dancer extraordinaire--the Orient's answer to Fred Astaire--looks for long-lost stardust among the ghosts in a renovated rooming house called the Bachelor Palms. Sachi and Meg, two little girls with dress-up clothes and fancy airs, shyly taste the anticipated glamour of adulthood on a country-club dance floor. Little Grandma stitches the secrets of family and neighbors into quilts of resplendent glory, while Aunt Pearl and the Buddhist Mission Ladies Auxiliary keep vigilant watch for the phantom Laundry Burglar. And a cherished only son considers the options of Canada, Vietnam, and Lulu, a wild young woman with a penchant for wanderlust, while his father struggles with recollections of his own wartime terrors and his mother slips excerpts from the Diamond Sutra written on tiny strips of rice paper into the evening meal. These are but a few of the...



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