



The Heritage Keeper (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. It is the 1830s, and Fima and her mother are rice traders on the West Coast of Africa in the Sherbro River area: a network of mouths of rivers, mangrove mudflats and shifting sandbars where traders can load captives in secret onto vessels whose captains take them across the Atlantic for sale as slaves on auction blocks. Sherbro s rich agricultural hinterland can produce enough rice to maintain the thousands of slaves kept captive in barracoons during the weeks and months they are waiting to be loaded onto the slave vessels. It also produces enough rice to provision the slave vessels for their transatlantic crossings. Fima dreams of one day owning her own rice business in Sherbro, on her own terms. But when a family crisis occurs and her mother suddenly departs on foot for upcountry, she leaves Fima on her own sooner than she had expected. She also leaves her with an important family heirloom to guard. Fima is excited, and confident she will succeed. Little does she know, however, that people are not always what they appear...



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