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Coolie Come Out and Fight: A South African Memoir of Love, Courage and Journeys to a Better Place

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Porcupine Press, South Africa, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 210 x 148 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Description of Coolie Come Out and Fight : Simultaneously a family memoir and a slice of South African history, this book is that rare thing: a beleaguered community in turbulent times seen through a young couple s struggle for self-realisation and fulfillment. It s about the particular hurdles that face an Indian/Coloured family in their search to find a more dignified space in which to live, grow and thrive. Starting with the grandfathers the Indian deck-passenger who reaches Cape Town in 1914, sells fruit off a street handcart and ten years later establishes a silk bazaar. And the illegitimate child of a daughter of the Italian House of Orsini, born in secrecy, who was sent to a convent in Cape Town and raised as a foster son of a coloured fishing family. Through the journeys of three generations Carim s story offers insights into aspects of the lives of ordinary people during the transition years from colonialism to apartheid. The style is engaging, the dialogue lucid and authentic; rewarding the reader with vivid action and imagery. Its...



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