



Palo Alto: Stories

By James Franco

Simon & Schuster. Paperback / softback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Palo Alto: Stories, James Franco, Now a "provocative" and "impressive" ("Variety") film from director Gia Coppola (Francis Ford Coppola's granddaughter)--starring Emma Roberts, James Franco, Nat Wolff, and Val Kilmer--the fiction debut from James Franco that "Vogue" called "compelling and gutsy." James Franco's story collection traces the lives of a group of teenagers as they experiment with vices of all kinds, struggle with their families and one another, and succumb to self-destructive, often heartless nihilism. In "Lockheed" a young woman's summer--spent working a dull internship--is suddenly upended by a spectacular incident of violence at a house party. In "American History" a high school freshman attempts to impress a girl with a realistic portrayal of a slave owner during a classroom skit--only to have his feigned bigotry avenged. In "I Could Kill Someone," a lonely teenager buys a gun with the aim of killing his high school tormentor, but begins to wonder about his bully's own inner life. These "spare and riveting" ("O, The Oprah Magazine") stories are a compelling portrait of lives on the rough fringes of youth. "Palo Alto" is, "a collection of beautifully written stories" ("Kirkus Reviews," starred...



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