



Talking to the Enemy: Stories

By Avner Mandelman

Seven Stories Press, U.S., United States, 2006. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 204 x 132 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has shaped the consciousness of a generation, but never before has it been brought to life in such vivid and telling prose. Part Tim O'Brien and part Bernard Malamud, Avner Mandelman's *Talking to the Enemy* ranges from boisterously entertaining tales of domestic squabbles to dark narratives from disillusioned soldiers. Awarded the Jewish Book Award when it was published in Canada and supplemented with recent stories, *Talking to the Enemy* is the powerful American debut of an international favorite. *Pity* draws the reader through the descending layers of horror of an Israeli soldier who is party to an assassination attempt gone terribly wrong. In *Terror* a man recalls a traumatic childhood incident that taught him family comes first--before justice, before fear. On a lighter note, *Mish-Mash* is a comical tornado set off when a winning lottery ticket is discovered in a less-than-conventional family, best described as Sholem Aleichem writes *Peyton Place* on speed (*Montreal Gazette*). Underneath their often brash exteriors Mandelman's characters search for reconciliation and fulfillment in a land where conflict is a part...



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