



The Name of the Nearest River: Stories (Paperback)

By Mr Alex Taylor

Sarabande Books, Canada, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. 2011 Eric Hoffer Award in the General Fiction 2011 The Thomas Lillie D. Chaffin Award Alex Taylor is a fresh new voice, not just in Kentucky, but in American literature. --Chris Offutt Like a room soaked in the scent of whiskey, perfume, and sweat, Alex Taylor's America is at once intoxicating, vulnerable, and full of brawn. These stories reveal the hidden dangers in the coyote-infested fields, rusty riverbeds, and abandoned logging trails of Kentucky. There we find tactile, misbegotten characters, desperate for the solace found in love, revenge, or just enough coal to keep an elderly woman's stove burning a few more nights. Echoing Flannery O'Connor and William Faulkner, Taylor manages fervor as well as humor in these dusky, shotgun plots, where in one story, a man spends seven days in a jon boat with his fiddle and a Polaroid camera, determined to enact vengeance on the water-logged body of a used car salesman; and in another, a demolition derby enthusiast nicknamed Wife watches his two wild, burning love interests duke it out, only to determine he would rather be left alone entirely. Together, these...

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