



Born Upon the Dark Spear (Paperback)

By Ahmad Shamlu

Contra Mundum Press, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Chasm. Mist. Dark Song. Hour of Execution. Behind the Wall. These are just some of the poetic titles of Ahmad Shamlu (1925-2000) that together form the cipher to one of the most powerful figures in modern world literature. Brought together here in translation for the first time, these selected works provide a gateway to the paradoxical imagination of an author who traverses immense distances of oblivion and light. On the one hand, Shamlu is known as a poet of night-raids and prison cells, dead-ends and burial orations, one for whom endlessly doomed horizons always keep him close to themes of martyrdom, fatality, rage, atrocity, and struggle. And yet, he is also the writer immortalized under the pen-name Daybreak, a figure of illumination and ecstatic intensity who once declared himself the vanguard of the sun and who threatened to hang the devil's lantern from the porch of every hidden torture chamber of this oppressive paradise. In a space caught between honor-codes and devastation, futility and apotheosis, one finds the poetic verses of Shamlu as among the first in a bloodline unbound-by-world.



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