



The Ventriloquist (Paperback)

By Larry Tremblay

Talon Books, Canada, Canada, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. In *The Ventriloquist*, Larry Tremblay directs his celebrated mastery of the dramatic monologue to an interrogation of the process of characterization itself. Alone on the stage with his puppet, the ventriloquist introduces his self as a construct of characters, along with his other imagined characters, to an audience which bears witness to the enormous psychological risks an author must take in the creative process. Constantly walking the dangerously thin edge separating the creation of voice from its appropriation, the ventriloquist struggles to control and shape an imaginary dialogue that we know originates from a single source, but successfully creates the illusion of personal conflict and resolution, success and failure, triumph and despair. Part of the extended metaphor of interaction between an authoritative adult psychoanalyst and a deeply disturbed adolescent patient, each of the characters in *The Ventriloquist* is stripped of their clothes of convention, encouraged to reveal both their real and imagined transgressions of mind and body, to break free of the constraints and taboos against incest, abuse, dominance and submission which are at one and the same time both the foundations and the limitations of the...

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