



The Breakdown So Far (Paperback)

By M. A. C. Farrant

Talon Books, Canada, Canada, 2007. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The Jonathan Swift of the bingo hall and elder-care, the Alexander Pope of pet-care and the dinner parties of the liberal intelligentsia, Marion Farrant continues her assault on the unaccountably disaffected and disillusioned of the Western world with *The Breakdown So Far*, her eighth volume of extremely short stories for those of us who seem to have lost both our way and our attention span. Unsparing in her critique of the New Age syncretism the mall culture has substituted for authentic emotion and belief, our adoption of Buddhism appears in her work as a rationalization for our ubiquitous materialism of the soul, Zen as our guiltless doctrine of neglect. Yet as in all such relentlessly dystopian social parodies, there resides behind each of these brief entertainments a stifled scream for help, a trapped yearning for genuine human contact and sympathy, an arrested existential lust for meaning. Where has our sense of order, propriety, history and community gone, Farrant's stories beg to wonder--stories that span the stylistic range of personal journal, objective reportage, fiction, fantasy and writers workshop exercise? In order to answer these questions, Farrant s...

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