



The Source of the Sound

By Patrick Holland

Salt Publishing, United Kingdom, 2010. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 196 x 128 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. The Source of the Sound traces the journeys of exiles in search of home, through the terrestrial infernos and purgatories of supermodernity. In almost every story there is some elemental contact with light and sound; the characters longing for simple, uncorrupted signs that would render life in the 21st century meaningful and justified. The City Lost to Heaven revives the medieval miracle play in the unlikely setting of Beijing, pitting the quiet of winter snow and whispering traditions against the noise of progress. Integrity imagines an obscure, unloved place on a western Queensland plain, that by Providence or otherwise, is protected by the play of light and shadow on the landscape, and which, unlike history-snubbing non-places, possesses a memory. Naturally, the collection is littered with the mise-en-scene of being lost: motel rooms, alcohol abuse, prostitution . Music for Airports is the tale of three journeys: of a disoriented diplomat, a man he might have saved from the firing squad and a flock of eastern curlew. A Haunted Solitude tells of two Croatian soldiers who encounter a...

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