



The Luminous Heart of Jonah S.

By Gina Barkhordar Nahai

Akashic Books, U.S., United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Finalist for the Jewish Book Council's 2014 JJ Greenberg Memorial Award Lyrical, shrewd, and daring novelist Nahai writes with acute emotional and nearly anthropological perception, laser-wit, and deep compassion. With touches of magic realism, extraordinary characters, and a spiraling, multigenerational plot involving fraud, a murder mystery, epic suffering, heroic generosity, women's struggle for freedom, and the clash between East and West, Nahai's mythic, tragic, often beautiful immigrant family saga illuminates timeless questions of prejudice, trauma, inheritance, loyalty, and love. -- Booklist, Starred review A riveting tale. Readers will be well rewarded. -- Publishers Weekly, Starred review A wide-ranging, page-turning, magical realist, multigenerational family saga and Iranian-Jewish-American immigration tale enveloped in a murder mystery. It both entertains and instructs, and its differing genres seem more complimentary than conflicting. --New York Journal of Books Nahai has crafted an engaging combination of family saga and murder mystery, placed it in the framework of a relatively unknown subculture, and people it with fascinating characters. Flavored with both elements of magical realism and down-to-earth observations, *The Luminous Heart of Jonah S.* brings a little-known Los Angeles community...



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