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## Regrowth: Seven Tales of Jewish Life Before, During and After Nazi Occupation

By Der Nister

Northwestern University Press, United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 193 x 130 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. The seven stories that compose Regrowth ( Vidervuks ) might shock readers familiar with accounts of the Holocaust marked by mournful and sentimental overtones. Although the outcome is often terrible, Der Nister s characters refuse to accept the role of victim. Likewise, the monstrosity of the perpetrators is not at issue: the Nazis may be abominable, but they do not warrant attention for longer than a savage animal would. Der Nister is drawn to parties capable of moral decision and their dilemmas often feature an opponent that is inside one s own people, inside oneself. Flora, for example, follows a father and daughter through the Nazi invasion and later Soviet occupation of a Polish-Jewish city. Der Nister paints a sympathetic portrait of the father, a member of the Jewish Council, even though he collaborates with the Nazis in a misguided attempt to help his people. To repair the father s mistake, his daughter joins the resistance, seduces a traitor, and delivers him to his death. Accounts are settled within the Jewish community. The Nazi enemy is largely passed over in...



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