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Dear Diego

By Nathaniel Gardner, Elena Poniatowska

Aris Phillips Ltd, United Kingdom, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 206 x 147 mm. Language: English, Spanish . Brand New Book. When Diego Rivera's biographer, Bertram Wolfe, was sifting through the painter's jumbled collection of correspondence, he encountered a series of Parisian letters from Angelina Beloff. Long before Diego had become famous for his Mexican murals or applauded for his renowned wife, Frida Kahlo, Angelina had been his wife for over ten years while the young Rivera had lived as a poor and obscure artist in the city of light. Wolfe was impressed by the letters Beloff wrote to her husband after his definitive departure for Mexico and included a chapter on them and the Russian painter in his biography of the muralist. Several years later, Mexican author Elena Poniatowska read Wolfe's biography and, deeply impressed by Angelina Beloff's letters, decided to rewrite them. The result is *Querido Diego, te abraza Quiela*, a masterful blending of fact and fiction that creates a novella out of twelve imagined letters that Quiela (Angelina) writes to Diego over a nine-month period. Within them, we are able to view the artist's world of post-war Paris where Quiela struggles forward without...



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