



The Latin Deli: Prose and Poetry (Hardback)

By Judith Ortiz Cofer

University of Georgia Press, United States, 2010. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 147 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Reviewing her novel, *The Line of the Sun*, the New York Times Book Review hailed Judith Ortiz Cofer as a writer of authentic gifts, with a genuine and important story to tell. Those gifts are on abundant display in *The Latin Deli*, an evocative collection of poetry, personal essays, and short fiction in which the dominant subject-the lives of Puerto Ricans in a New Jersey barrio-is drawn from the author's own childhood. Following the directive of Emily Dickinson to tell all the Truth but tell it slant, Cofer approaches her material from a variety of angles. An acute yearning for a distant homeland is the poignant theme of the title poem, which opens the collection. Cofer's lines introduce us to a woman of no-age presiding over a small store whose wares-Bustelo coffee, jamon y queso, green plantains hanging in stalks like votive offerings-must satisfy, however imperfectly, the needs and hungers of those who have left the islands for the urban Northeast. Similarly affecting is the short story *Nada*, in which a mother s...



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