



Oliver Loving (Paperback)

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ATLANTIC BOOKS, United Kingdom, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. One summer night, beneath the Perseid meteor shower, seventeen-year-old Oliver Loving s hand makes a first furtive journey across a Navajo picnic blanket towards his classmate Rebekkah Sterling s. A few months later, Hector Espina enters Bliss County Day School s gymnasium during homecoming and shoulders a hunting rifle. The thirty-five rounds he fires cut a leveling swathe through the past and future of Oliver, his family, and the entire population of Bliss, Texas. For the next nine years, Oliver is confined to a hospital bed. Conscious but totally paralyzed, he plumbs the depths of his own imagination, a twilight netherworld of myth, in search of meaning. Eve, his adoring and indomitable mother, holds a solemn, lonesome vigil. Vulnerable younger brother Charlie flees to New York where he desperately attempts to resurrect Oliver s consciousness using nothing but three weather-beaten journals full of unfinished poetry. Jed, Oliver s father, seems content to drink himself to death in a burnt out shack in the shadow of a resort hotel built on the land that is his birthright. But with the arrival of Professor McTeague from El Paso,...



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