





What I Know I Cannot Say / All That Lies Beneath (Paperback)

By Dai Smith

Parthian Books, United Kingdom, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. In What I Know I Cannot Say / All That Lies Beneath, Dai Smith combines a novella and a linked section of short stories to create a dazzling fictional synthesis that takes the reader on a tour of the South Wales Valleys during the twentieth century. Picking up where his 2013 novel Dream On left off, What I Know I Cannot Say follows the life story of Billy s father, Dai Maddox. When Billy s former partner Bran shows up wanting to record Dai s life story to put together a documentary, Dai looks back on his past, remembering his childhood as a destitute orphan, his work as a collier in the mines and the subsequent drifting between menial jobs, alleviated only by reading and drawing; his enrolment in the British Army and participation in the invasion of Italy during the Second World War; and post-war life under socialism, when he was back in the pits and married to Billy s mother, Mona. Moving from the heyday of the premechanised coal industry to the present day, What I Know I Cannot Say presents a moving and vivid...



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