



The Mystics of Mile End: A Novel

By Sigal Samuel

HarperCollins Publishers Inc. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Mystics of Mile End: A Novel, Sigal Samuel, Sigal Samuel's debut novel, in the vein of Nicole Krauss's bestselling *The History of Love*, is an imaginative story that delves into the heart of Jewish mysticism, faith, and family. "This is not an ordinary tree I am making. "This," he said, "this is the Tree of Knowledge." In the half-Hasidic, half-hipster Montreal neighborhood of Mile End, eleven-year-old Lev Meyer is discovering that there may be a place for Judaism in his life. As he learns about science in his day school, Lev begins his own extracurricular study of the Bible's Tree of Knowledge with neighbor Mr. Katz, who is building his own Tree out of trash. Meanwhile his sister Samara is secretly studying for her Bat Mitzvah with next-door neighbor and Holocaust survivor, Mr. Glassman. All the while his father, David, a professor of Jewish mysticism, is a non-believer. When, years later, David has a heart attack, he begins to believe God is speaking to him. While having an affair with one of his students, he delves into the complexities of Kabbalah. Months later Samara, too, grows obsessed with the Kabbalah's...



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