



Shingle Street

By Blake Morrison

Vintage Publishing. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Shingle Street, Blake Morrison, 'A cul-de-sac, a dead-end track, A sandbanked strand to sink a fleet, A bay, a bar, a strip, a trap, A wrecking ground, that's Shingle Street.' Blake Morrison's first two collections, *Dark Glasses* (1984) and *The Ballad of a Yorkshire Ripper* (1987) established him as one of our most inventive and accomplished contemporary poets. In his first full-length collection for nearly thirty years, *Shingle Street* sees a return to the form with which he started his career. Set along the Suffolk coast, the opening poems address a receding world - an eroding landscape, 'abashed by the ocean's passion'. But coastal life gives way to other, more dangerous, vistas: a wave unleashes a flood-tide of terror; a sequence of topical poems lays bare pressing political issues; while elsewhere portraits of the past bring forth the dear and the departed. Ardent and elegiac, and encompassing an impressive range of mood and method, this is a timely offering from a poet of distinct talents.



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