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Outskirts Press, United States, 2010. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 224 x 155 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.A FLEA GROWS IN BROOKLYN Michael Greenberg was born in 1945 into a working class family in Brooklyn. He grew up during a period of radical change in our country. The story begins in the naive Fifties: It was the Fifties. Everyone liked Ike. The Dodgers played in Brooklyn. There was an Iron Curtain and a cold war (which was much healthier than a hot one). The music that I listened to was the Platters, Johnny Mathis, Buddy Holly, and Elvis. My dad, Sam, was a big muscular man. He was a construction worker (a member of the carpenters union actually) by trade. We owned one car, a Plymouth Belvedere, and gas at the Esso gas station on Neptune Avenue in the Coney Island section of Brooklyn, New York, where I lived was 25 cents a gallon. We are introduced to Michael s family: His macho father; traditional stay at home mom; and two younger siblings. The story describes Michael s life in Coney Island in the Fifties. He learns to love sports and work hard in school. Michael also learns to fight. His father would never accept the fact that his physically undersized son was beaten up by bigger or older boys. Michael was often forced to fight the victors again or be beaten by his father. Suddenly, the story shifts. Michael s family moves to Miami Beach, Florida. We do not see the South Beach of today, but rather a segregated South Beach populated mostly by poor Jewish families that had emigrated from the Northeast. In Miami Beach, Michael becomes a lonely soul searching for a place to belong. He works long hours to help...



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