



Flannery O'Connor: A Life

By Jean Cash

University of Tennessee Press. Paperback / softback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Flannery O'Connor: A Life, Jean Cash, Flannery O Connor (1925 1964) ranks among the foremost writers of fiction in American literature. Her short stories, in particular, are considered models of the form. Born in Savannah, O Connor spent most of her life in Georgia and infused her work with southern characters, themes, and landscapes. A devout Catholic, she addressed the mystery of God's grace in everyday life, often amid the grotesque, the shocking, and the violent. In this first full-length biography of the writer, Jean W. Cash draws upon extensive interviews with O Connor's friends, relatives, teachers, and colleagues as well as on the writer's voluminous correspondence to provide a sensitive, balanced portrait of a fascinating woman. As Cash demonstrates, O Connor's sheltered childhood, extraordinary intellect, spiritual certainty, and unique personality including a wry sense of humor combined not only to make her something of an outsider but also to foster her literary genius. As a child, her favorite activities were reading, writing stories, and drawing. Perhaps more unusual was her childhood feat of teaching a rooster to walk backwards. Her passion for exotic...



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