



## Biography: A Game

By Max Frisch, Birgit Schreyer Duarte

Seagull Books London Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Biography: A Game, Max Frisch, Birgit Schreyer Duarte, In this play by Swiss playwright and novelist Max Frisch, a middle-aged behavioral researcher named Kurmann is given the opportunity to start his life over at any point he chooses and change his decisions and actions in matters both serious and mundane. He could save his marriage, become politically active, take better care of his health, or even change the color of his living-room furniture. Despite his intention to apply the wisdom he has acquired with age, Kurmann finds himself inexorably trapped in the same decisions. Ultimately proving fatal, Kurmann's life-game interrogates how much of our own path is shaped by seemingly random factors and how much is in fact predetermined by our own limited, conditioned selves. The play's central idea - that our lives are nothing but a self-conscious play with imaginary identities - is brilliantly captured in Biography's dramaturgical form, which sets up a theater rehearsal as the metaphor for the endless possibilities and variables of the game of life. Frisch's own revised, dramatically heightened version of his play celebrates not only the theater as a form of self-expression but...



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