



The Lamentation of the Dead

By Peter Levi

Carcanet Press Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Lamentation of the Dead, Peter Levi, Peter Levi's inaugural lecture as Professor of Poetry at the University of Oxford discusses the lamentation of the dead in written and oral poetry from Homer and the Bible to recent times, by way of Shakespeare, Milton and the Serbian epics. He puts forward the view that "The Lament for Arthur O'Leary", composed by his widow Eileen O'Connell, is among the finest examples of the Lamentation of the dead, and the greatest poem written in these islands in the whole of the eighteenth century. The text of Peter Levi's lecture is followed by Eilis Dillon's translation of the poem.

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