



## The Turtle Catcher

By Nicole Lea Helget

Mariner Books. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Turtle Catcher, Nicole Lea Helget, In her first novel, the acclaimed memoirist Nicole Helget turns to a haunting love story with a heinous crime at its core. In the tumultuous days after World War I, Herman Richter returns from the front to find his only sister, Liesel, allied with Lester Sutter, the son of a rival clan whom people call "slow" and who spends his days expertly trapping lake turtles. Liesel has sought Lester's friendship in the wake of her parents' deaths and in the shadow of her own dark secret, hidden in the very nature of her body. But what begins as yearning for something of a human touch quickly unwinds into a shocking, suspenseful tragedy that haunts the rural town of New Germany, Minnesota, for generations. Woven into this remarkable story are the intense, illuminating experiences of German immigrants in America during the war and the terrible choices they were forced to make in service of their new country or in honor of the old. "The Turtle Catcher" is a lyrical, vibrant, beautifully wrought look at a fascinating piece of American history--and the echoing dangers of family secrets.



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