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## The Latin Deli: Prose and Poetry (Hardback)

By Judith Ortiz Cofer

University of Georgia Press, United States, 2010. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 147 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Reviewing her novel, *The Line of the Sun*, the *New York Times Book Review* hailed Judith Ortiz Cofer as a writer of authentic gifts, with a genuine and important story to tell. Those gifts are on abundant display in *The Latin Deli*, an evocative collection of poetry, personal essays, and short fiction in which the dominant subject—the lives of Puerto Ricans in a New Jersey barrio—is drawn from the author's own childhood. Following the directive of Emily Dickinson to tell all the Truth but tell it slant, Cofer approaches her material from a variety of angles. An acute yearning for a distant homeland is the poignant theme of the title poem, which opens the collection. Cofer's lines introduce us to a woman of no-age presiding over a small store whose wares—Bustelo coffee, jamon y queso, green plantains hanging in stalks like votive offerings—must satisfy, however imperfectly, the needs and hungers of those who have left the islands for the urban Northeast. Similarly affecting is the short story *Nada*, in which a mother s...



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