



All Souls: A Family Story from Southie

By Michael Patrick MacDonald

Beacon Press, United States, 2008. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 211 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. A breakaway bestseller since its first printing, All Souls takes us deep into Michael Patrick MacDonald s Southie, the proudly insular neighborhood with the highest concentration of white poverty in America. The anti-busing riots of 1974 forever changed Southie, Boston s working class Irish community, branding it as a violent, racist enclave. Michael Patrick MacDonald grew up in Southie s Old Colony housing project. He describes the way this world within a world felt to the troubled yet keenly gifted observer he was even as a child: [as if] we were protected, as if the whole neighborhood was watching our backs for threats, watching for all the enemies we could never really define. But the threats-poverty, drugs, a shadowy gangster world-were real. MacDonald lost four of his siblings to violence and poverty. All Souls is heart-breaking testimony to lives lost too early, and the story of how a place so filled with pain could still be the best place in the world. We meet Ma, Michael s mini-skirted, accordion-playing, usually single mother who cares for her children there are eventually...



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