



Junebug

By Maureen McCoy

Leapfrog Press. Paperback / softback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Junebug, Maureen McCoy, "I was raised zero-parent," says hormone-addled 17-year-old Junebug Host, "what the newspapers call it when your mother is in prison and the father was just a sperm." Junebug has been visiting her mother in Ellisville Reformatory for Women ever since she was five years-old, when beauty queen Theresa Host calmly stepped out of their trailer with an axe and inexplicably bludgeoned a neighbor to death. But during the summer of Junebug's high school graduation-and the summer of her first wildly passionate affair-with a snake-smooth greaser 20 years her senior-Theresa reels in her oversexed daughter, and shatters her world, by suddenly announcing the motive she had kept to herself since the day of the murder: an act of vengeance for a crime in which Junebug was intimately involved. "I did it for you," she tells Junebug, who is thrown into a ferment of memory and guilt. Set in the outsized landscape of far-western Nebraska, a nebulous region little known in contemporary fiction, and peopled by characters whose extreme individuality is exceeded only by their eccentricity-born again Fundamentalist snake charmers, housewives making ends meet with phone sex 900-number businesses, a 300-pound...



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