



The Greek House: The Story of a Painter's Love Affair with the Island of Sifnos

By Christian Brechneff

Farrar, Straus & Giroux Inc. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Greek House: The Story of a Painter's Love Affair with the Island of Sifnos, Christian Brechneff, When Christian Brechneff first set foot on the Greek island of Sifnos, it was the spring of 1972 and he was a twenty-one-year-old painter searching for artistic inspiration and a quiet place to work. There, this Swiss child of Russian emigres, adrift and confused about his sexuality, found something extraordinary. In Sifnos, he found a muse, a subject he was to paint for years, and a sanctuary. In *The Greek House*, Brechneff tells a funny, touching narrative about his relationship to Sifnos, writing with warmth about its unforgettable residents and the house he bought in a hilltop farm village. This is the story of how he fell in love with Sifnos, and how it became a haven from the complexities of his life in Western Europe and New York. It is the story of his village and of the island during the thirty-odd years he owned the house—from a time when there were barely any roads to the arrival of the modern world with its tourists and high-speed boats and the euro....



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