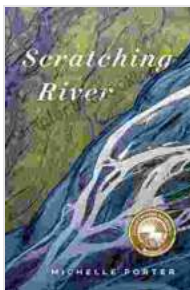


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Scratching River (Life Writing) by Michelle Porter

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In exploring her own identity, Porter confronts the complexities of being both an individual and a part of a larger whole. She delves into the formative experiences that have shaped her, including her childhood in a volatile household and her struggles with addiction and mental illness.

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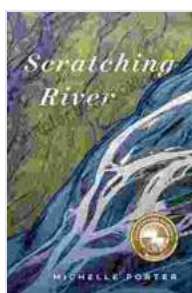


Through her writing, Porter connects with others who have experienced similar struggles. She finds solace in shared stories and discovers the power of community in the broken places of life.

: A Testament to Resilience and the Human Spirit

Scratching River is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the indomitable power of storytelling. Michelle Porter's lyrical and vulnerable writing invites us to confront our own experiences and to find solace and connection in the shared human journey.

With its exploration of identity, belonging, and the transformative nature of memory, *Scratching River* is a must-read for anyone seeking to understand the complexities of human existence.



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