



## Mohr: A Novel

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By Reuss, Frederick.

Unbridled. 1 Cloth(s), 2006. hard. Book Condition: New. Max Mohr, a doctor and playwright, left his beloved wife and daughter, as well as his beloved estate in Bavaria, in 1934, in the wake of the Nazi regime rising to power, to work as a doctor in Shanghai during the early stages of the Sino-Japanese war. Strongly based in the history of the time and in the many photographs of Mohr and his family in Bavaria and Shanghai, the novel explores not only what might bring a man to leave his family in such a time and place, but how photography and memory redefine our view of reality and events. "[Reuss's] aerialist's sense of history, his sleight of hand, his animal knowledge of political practice, his silver tact and his cool tenderness make his performance nothing less than Orphic. Listen to it." John Berger "With Käthe and Mohr, Mr. Reuss has unforgettably juxtaposed two figures: the rooted and the uprooted. Unlike the twin compasses of Donne's "Valediction" lovers joined even in death they move not in parallel but in a tragic opposite." NYTimes 312.



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