



The Valentine House (Paperback)

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Hodder Stoughton General Division, United Kingdom, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Henderson s Grace Williams Says It Loud was shortlisted for the Orange Prize and this more than matches it. Elizabeth Buchan, Daily Mail In June 1914, Sir Anthony Valentine, a keen mountaineer, arrives with his family to spend the summer in their chalet, high in the French Alps. There, for the first time, fourteen-year-old founding Mathilde starts work as one of the uglies - village girls employed as servants and picked, it is believed, to ensure they don t catch Sir Anthony s roving eye. For Mathilde it is the start of a life-long entanglement with les anglais - strange, exciting people, far removed from the hard grind of farming. Except she soon finds the Valentines are less carefree than they appear, with a curiously absent daughter no one talks about. It will be decades - disrupted by war, accidents and a cruel betrayal - before Mathilde discovers the key to the mystery. And in 1976, the year Sir Anthony s great-great grandson comes to visit, she must decide whether to use it. Vividly evoking the dramatic landscape that so enthralls the Valentines, this...



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