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All Over

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Mimesis International. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, All Over, Gabriele Tinti, Nicholas Benson, All over is a collection of epic songs, of epinician odes for our day. The heroes praised are boxers, men the author identifies as the last able to truly astound, to induce awe. These epinician odes on Pindaric models are transformed in the making. What they sing about is not victory but defeat. The hero, the boxer, is deprived the possibility of attaining true "victory" through the gods' obliging and favorable presence - a limitation that never pertained in antiquity. This is a fragile hero. An all-too human human. He is a "simple" boxer. Nothing but a man. The epinician odes, therefore, end up being direct, and matter-of-fact, in their style and content. They wind up as epigraphs, tragedies in verse form that narrate the real exploits of workday heroes, even if the resulting events are exceptional, moving us to weep, and to feel great admiration and compassion.



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