



## Teaching Narcissus to Swim (Paperback)

By Scott Wells

Outskirts Press, United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 213 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Teaching Narcissus to Swim will surprise you with its clear, innocent voice and its artistic beauty. There s nothing Greek about this book except the title reference. On the contrary, it is quintessentially American. Half Indian, half cowboy, protagonist Buck McKuen is a naive runaway boy the morning he arrives in rough-and-tumble Ruidoso, New Mexico. He has witnessed his father s untimely death, clashed with his brother and left his family s ranch in the Osage Hills of Oklahoma to make his own way in a world of unexpected complexity. By summer s end he has experienced love, loss and all the thrills which accompany one of the world s most dangerous occupations-that of a jockey. Blessed with talent and high spirit, Buck finds himself in a world of temptation, prejudice and danger. Surrounded by men twice his age who care little if he survives or dies in a stampede of hooves and vices, Buck struggles to define himself as he experiences unrequited love, shame, comedy, tragedy and exhilarating glory. His lone ally in this fast-paced...



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