



## The Merchants of Light: A Novel of Venice

By Marta Maretich

Nine Elms Books. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Merchants of Light: A Novel of Venice, Marta Maretich, Moving between the wonder of 18th-century Venice and the dark chaos of Germany at the end of World War II, The Merchants of Light is the story of a dynasty of artists who lived, loved and died by painting. In May 1945, a beleaguered Monuments Man arrives in the bombed-out German city of Wurzburg. His mission: to rescue vulnerable art treasures from the ravages of war. But, surrounded by utter devastation, he wonders if there will be anything left to save. What he finds will uncover the story of Tiepolo, the vibrant and prolific Venetian artist, and most successful painter of his day, and of Cecilia, mother to their tribe of talented children and model for the sublime beauties that appear throughout her husband's works. This family's dramatic saga interweaves with the 20th-century struggle to rescue their most spectacular masterpiece, creating a bridge between old world and new, and asking: can human creativity triumph over human destruction?.

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