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## Homeless Bird

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Harpercollins Childrens Books, Scranton, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., 2000. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: New. 13th Printing. This is a National Book Award Winner. The story for young adults is about a girl named Koly, who lives in India and is thirteen-years-old. She, like many other girls her age, is getting married. When she discovers that the husband her parents have chosen for her is a sickly boy with wicked parents, Koly wishes she could flee. According to tradition, though, she has no choice. On her wedding day, Koly's fate is sealed. In the wake of her marriage, however, Koly's life takes an unexpected turn, and she finds herself alone in a strange city of white-sari-clad widows. Her only choice seems to be to shed her name and her future and join the hopeless hordes who chant for food. Even then, cast out into a current of time-worn tradition, this rare young woman sets out to forge her own exceptional future. And a life, like a beautiful tapestry, comes together for Koly - one stitch at a time. 216 pages including author's notes. Narrow 1 1/2" black remainder mark on the bottom - doesn't affect the story at all! The...



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