

A CONSTELLATION OF VITAL PHENOMENA ANTHONY MARRA

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A RESILIENT DOCTOR RISKS EVERYTHING TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A HUNTED CHILD. IN THIS MAJESTIC DEBUT ABOUT LOVE, LOSS, AND THE UNEXPECTED TIES THAT BIND US TOGETHER

IN HIS BRILLIANT, haunting novel, Anthony Marra transports us to a snow-covered village in Chechnya, where eight-year-old Havaa watches from the woods as Russian soldiers abduct her father in the middle of the night, accusing him of aiding Chechen rebels. Across the road their lifelong neighbor and family friend Akhmed has also been watching, fearing the worst when the soldiers set fire to Havaa's house. But when he finds her hiding in the forest with a strange blue suitcase, he makes a decision that will forever change their lives. He will seek refuge at the abandoned hospital where the sole remaining doctor, Sonja Rabina, treats the wounded.

For Sonja, the arrival of Akhmed and Havaa is an unwelcome surprise. Weary and overburdened, she has a deeply personal reason for caution: harboring these refugees could easily jeopardize the return of her missing sister. But over the course of five extraordinary days, Sonja's world will shift on its axis and reveal the intricate pattern of connections that weaves together the pasts of these three unlikely companions and unexpectedly decides their fate.

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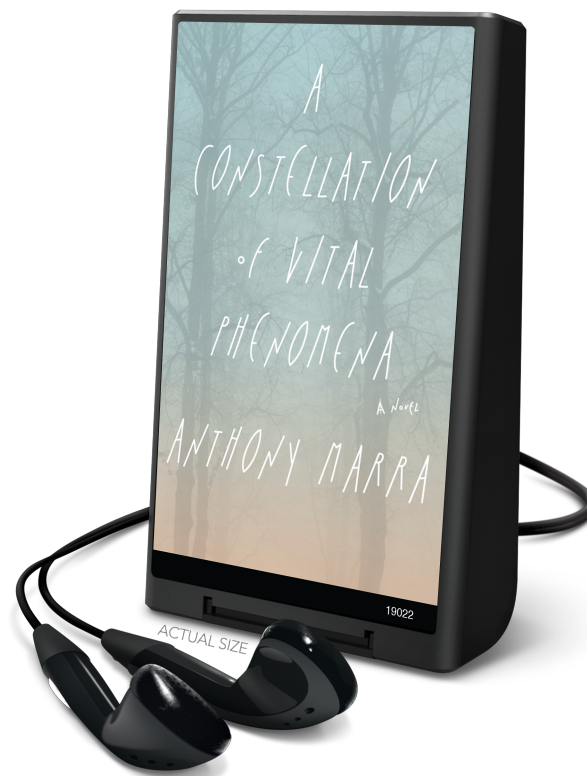
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