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Eat the Other

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Ananda Devi portrays the life of a young obese woman, questioning the excesses of our contemporary world. A disturbing and captivating novel.

In the beginning was the voice, fierce and full-bodied, of a young teenager whose body just won't quit ballooning. It's been that way since she was born, burdened by rolls and folds, and it's only gotten worse. Ravenous at her mother's breast, she grows so big she soon terrified everyone from nannies to strangers, and finally even her disgusted mother, who eventually flees. This modern novel is as much about an obese girl who can't stop eating as it is an allegory of a society that can't stop consuming--and yet is obsessed with the cult of thinness, self, and image. With great power and virtuosity, Ananda Devi shatters body taboos, relating the trials of a character in whom we see ourselves.
