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Betty Jones, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.THE MUSIC IN MY LIFE is the story of how Betty Jones decided to enter the difficult world of being an opera singer when past the age of 40. Betty was a Wilton, Connecticut housewife and mother of two teenagers when a neighbor heard her sing at a Wilton Congregational Church Service. She quickly arranged for an audition with Sarah Caldwell, the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Boston Opera Co. As a result of this audition, on March 12th, 1971 Betty Jones made her professional opera debut with the Boston Opera Co. at the age of 41, singing two small roles in Louise. The following year in 1972, as a Rheinmaiden and Valkyrie in Wagner s complete Ring Cycle with the San Francisco Opera, Betty was recommended to Glynn Ross, the head of the Seattle Opera Co. as a possible Aida to sing at the opening of the new Civic Center in Phoenix, Arizona. Ross flew down to San Francisco the next day to hear her and immediately engaged this unknown soprano. He insisted, however, that she report to Seattle the day after her final Ring performance to begin preparing for her first major role. Once in Seattle, coaches worked 10 hours a day teaching Betty the role of Aida. A major role generally takes many months to learn but she only had three a half weeks in which to prepare. Betty really made her mark by going on at the last minute performing leading soprano roles for indisposed singers. One of these was an Oberon performance at Carnegie Hall on February 23, 1978 opposite world famous tenor Nicolai Gedda. The next day, the entire New...



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