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## Rena Effendi: Liquid Land (Hardback)

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Schilt Publishing b.v., Netherlands, 2013. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Liquid Land is co-authored with my father Rustam Effendi, a dissident scientist and entomologist who devoted his life to studying, hunting and collecting over 90,000 butterflies in the Soviet Union. Inherited by the Azerbaijani State Institute of Zoology after his death in 1991, his vast collection has disintegrated. Alongside thousands of glass boxes filled with butterfly dust, the only remaining visual evidence of his lifes work is the fifty photographs of endangered butterflies for a manuscript he never published. Next to my fathers dead, but iridescent butterflies, my photographs show life in some of the worlds most polluted areas, near Baku, where I was born and grew up. In my mind, the contrasting images gravitate towards each other as I have to my father. Since working on this book I have gotten to know him much better than when he was alive. Salty Waters is the translation from Persian of the Ab-sheuran Peninsula; in and around Baku, its main city, the earth is breathing with petroleum fumes, as oil oozes to the surface, turning it liquid. The Caspian Sea hugs the eagle-beak shaped land, salting its...



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