



## Algerian Sketches

By Pierre Bourdieu

Polity Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Algerian Sketches, Pierre Bourdieu, In the late 1950s, like tens of thousands of young men of his generation, Pierre Bourdieu, having recently passed the agregation in philosophy, found himself immersed in the Algerian war. Motivated by an impulse that, as he himself says, was civic rather than political, nothing seemed more important to him than to understand the Algerian situation and provide the elements that would enable others to come to an informed judgement about it. In extremely tough conditions and along with a small group of students, Bourdieu undertook a series of studies across an Algeria that was tightly patrolled by the army, leading him to discover the shocking reality of the resettlement camps and to analyse the mechanisms of destruction of Algerian society of which they were emblematic. To achieve the objectives he had set himself, Bourdieu had to carry out a genuine intellectual conversion, acquiring an ethnographic understanding of Algerian society, learning sociological analysis at a breakneck pace and inventing new instruments - both theoretical and empirical - that would enable him to understand the relations of domination specific to colonialism. These new tools also enabled him to...



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