



## Still Life with Judas Lightning (Paperback)

By Dawn Diez Willis

Airlie Press, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Poetry. 2015 Oregon Book Award Finalist. Following the caravan of mystery through the point of view of many characters, Dawn Diez Willis s first collection enacts a pilgrimage into many voices. Ruminating on an everyday darkness, these poems lean toward the light within the fierce vitality of existence. With musical lushness and deeply felt images, STILL LIFE WITH JUDAS LIGHTNING unfolds like a peony, the lives like petals forming a single experience of complex beauty. Dawn Diez Willis s STILL LIFE WITH JUDAS LIGHTNING is a quietly startling book and a strong debut. In poem after poem, we are confronted with characters in moments of spiritual agon a contest between the manifestation of a good in themselves and their admission of an in-dwelling potential for small yet damaging evils as well. In their vividness of scene, their stark presentations of characters stripped down to their souls, these poems put me in mind of Ai s Cruelty, yet Willis s book might better be called Mercy for the counterpoint of compassion that radiates in every line she writes. Her characters are daedal birds swerving under judgment from a secular...



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