



## Punctum (Paperback)

By Lesley Jenike

Kent State University Press, United States, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. In Punctum:, Lesley Jenike s new collection, she writes, It s our language: what can we call a thing / that is and is not. These poems are haunted by a non-child, a child who was not to be born, and with it, a life the speaker was not to live. Absence itself becomes a nearly tangible presence. I don t know how Jenike does it-breaks your heart and makes you want more-but I can t remember the last time I read poems as smart and sure and devastatingly precise in their language, imagery, and feeling. In a poem about a fateful ultrasound, one that reveals no fetal heartbeat, she writes, the doctor calls it practice, snapping off // the screen, tearing up the spit-out photograph. / Next time, she says, it ll be the real thing. Mark my words: these poems are-and this poet is-the real thing. Punctum: is a remarkable accomplishment.

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