



Smoothie (Paperback)

By Claudine Toutoungi

Carcanet Press Ltd, United Kingdom, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Smoothie is Claudine Toutoungi's debut collection of poems. It takes a tender, exuberant and deliciously dark look at our desire to be heard, whatever the cost; a desire that can be treacherous, comical and sometimes - often enough to fend off despair - fulfilled. Smoothie plots the wayward wanderings of a beguiling cast of misfits - hotel eavesdroppers, city interlopers, lone wolves, phantom bird-watchers, disaffected language robots and triumphant piano-swallowers - as they try to express themselves. The poems are candid without being confessional: the poet's `I encompasses the reader. Language's smooth surface bubbles up as Toutoungi's characters reveal their peculiarly twenty-first-century disorientations, riffing off loneliness, authenticity and heartbreak as they go.



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