



Bring Down the Little Birds: On Mothering, Art, Work and Everything Else (Paperback)

By Carmen Gimenez Smith

University of Arizona Press, United States, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. How does a contemporary woman with a career as a poet, professor, and editor experience motherhood with one small child, another soon to be born, and her own mother suddenly diagnosed with a brain tumour and Alzheimer s? The dichotomy between life as a mother and life as an artist and professional is a major theme in modern literature because often the two seem irreconcilable. In `Bring Down the Little Birds , Carmen Gimenez Smith faces this seeming irreconcilability head-on, offering a powerful and necessary lyric memoir to shed light on the difficulties-and joys-of being a mother juggling work, art, raising children, pregnancy, and being a daughter to an ailing mother, and, perhaps most important, offering a rigorous and intensely imaginative contemplation on the concept of motherhood as such. Writing in fragmented yet coherent sections, the author shares with us her interior monologue, affording the reader a uniquely honest, insightful, and deeply personal glimpse into a woman s first and second journeys into motherhood. Gimenez Smith begins `Bring Down the Little Birds by detailing the relationship with her own mother, from whom her own...



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