



Mistaking the Seas for Green Fields: Poems (Paperback)

By Ashley Capps

The University of Akron Press, United States, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. In her first book, Mistaking the Sea for Green Fields, Ashley Capps sounds like the voice of a fresh generation of poets, where the familiar turns suddenly elliptical, straight talk goes engagingly crooked, and the lyric negotiates with the matter-of-fact. Desperate for something solid to believe in, Capps still mistrusts authority, feeling disenchanting with God, family, eros, even her own impulsive self. And yet while the absence of faith hints at despair, these poems often achieve, almost in spite of themselves, an odd buoyancy. Playful, fearless, wary, there is a dazzling resilience in this book. One poem can make a grand and eccentric claim, I forgive the afterlife, while another takes as its title something humbler and more poisonous, God Bless Our Crop-Dusted Wedding Cake. No matter how adrift this poet may feel, poetry itself remains her anchor and lifeline.



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