



Starkey s Book of States

By David Starkey

BOSON BOOKS, United States, 2007. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Rafael Peerea De La Cabada (illustrator). 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.From North Dakota, where emptiness / takes up a lot / of space, to Alabama, where a mother offers nothing / Less than plenty, David Starkey s poems mark him as nothing less than a fool / For life. His book gives us a fireworks display of creativity as varied and strange as the states it conjures. We scoot along here in a word-RV bound for just about everywhere, from North Carolina, which possesses, so Starkey claims, an atomic peanut (while Texas doesn t, but provides blowing sage) to D. C., memorable for kids in the backseat who won t shut up, to Connecticut centered on publish or perish at Yale. The wonders here depend on constant shifts of focus: sometimes the poems inhabit personae-Thoreau, Sojourner Truth, Elvis (not in Tennessee but in Wisconsin)-sometimes they speak for the poet as memoir; always they surprise and thrill with their oddity of attack, their tart-voiced fearlessness, their range of subject as vast as the great country they so fully evoke. -Barry Spacks, Santa...



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