



In the Shadow of Paradise (Paperback)

By Jane Ellen Glasser

Futurecycle Press, United States, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. IN THE SHADOW OF PARADISE by Jane Ellen Glasser opens with an epigraph by Rumi, The wound is the place where the light enters you, a theme resonant throughout her seventh collection. Subjects such as romantic love, aging, disappointment and death are examined through a lens of understanding that loss is both inevitable and necessary in growing a full life. In her poem Cracks, she reminds us, Every scar/ is the shorthand/ of an important story, each crack . . a door opening/ onto a larger room. A signature of her work, Glasser views nature as a mirror for human nature. Swallowtails hovering above phlox suggest that . . pleasure/ can only be tasted in small sips. Another source of inspiration is art. Works by Rousseau, Chagall, Picasso, Rubens are springboards for self-examination. With wisdom harvested by time, the overriding tone of her collection is one of praise, celebrating a life happily flawed.



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