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Four-Legged Girl: Poems



Synopsis

Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry "Diane Seuss writes with the intensity of a soothsayer."
â•Laura KasischkeFor, having imagined your body one way I found it to be another way, it was yielding, but only as the Destroying Angel mushroom yields, its softness allied with its poison, and your legs were not petals or tendrils as I'd believed, but brazen, the deviant tentacles beneath the underskirt of a secret queen â•from "Oh four-legged girl, it's either you or the ossuary" In Diane Seuss's *Four-Legged Girl*, her audacious, hothouse language swerves into pain and rapture, as she recounts a life lived at the edges of containment. Ghostly, sexy, and plaintive, these poems skip to the tune of a jump rope, fill a wishing well with desire and other trinkets, and they remember past lush lives in New York City, in rural Michigan, and in love. In the final poem, she sings of the four-legged girl, the body made strange to itself and to others. This collection establishes Seuss's poetic voice, as rich and emotional as any in contemporary poetry.

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I can't get enough of Diane Seuss. This may be her best book yet. Really stretches into areas and images others aren't writing about. I do like more a "darker" or "edgier" style to my poems. She has that. I find her work in incredibly inspiring to me as a writer myself.

Diane Seuss speaks in a language that is dense, dark and beautiful. You should buy this.

I couldn't put it down!

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