



Small Fires (Paperback)

By Kelly Norah Drukker

McGill-Queen's University Press, Canada, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. We come / to kneel at the doorway, / to peer into that kind of / dark. To think our way / backwards, listening. Tracing a series of journeys, real and imagined, Kelly Norah Drukker's *Small Fires* opens with a section of poems set on Inis Mor, a remote, Irish-speaking island off the west coast of County Galway, where the poet-as-speaker discovers the ways in which remnants of the island's early Christian monastic culture brush up against island life in the twenty-first century. Also present is a series of poems set in the Midi-Pyrenees and in the countryside around Lyon. Linked to the shorter poems in the collection by landscape, theme, and tone is a set of longer narrative poems that give voice to imagined speakers who are, each in a different way, living on the margins. The first describes a young emigrant woman's crossing from Ireland to Canada in the early twentieth century, where she must sacrifice her tie to the land for the uncertain freedom of a journey by sea, while a second depicts the lives of silk workers living...

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