



Sweet Fire: Tullia D'Aragona's Poetry of Dialogue and Selected Prose

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W.W. Norton & Co, 2006. Softcover. Condition: New. Tullia d Aragona is one of the most renowned women writers from the Italian Renaissance. Given the title the courtesan poet, Tullia was loved and desired by many. This collection includes fifty-five of Tullia s best poems and a selection of pieces written to her and about her. Accompanying Tullia s poems is a series of risposte (responsive letters) written by well-known men of her day--including Girolamo Muzio, Benedetto Varchi and Lattanzio Bennucci--who offer poetic tributes to her honor, talent, and wit. In these poetic dialogues, Tullia shows herself a match to her male contemporaries in verbal and intellectual dexterity. In a poem written to Piero Manelli, Tullia argues for a female poet s equal right to fame and literary immortality. In a tribute of gratitude to her muse, friend, and editor--aptly named Muzio--she claims that loving such a talented writer reflects well upon her: the worth / was yours; but in loving you, the glory mine. Muzio, in turn, writes an introduction to Tullia s dialogue on love, praising the beauty of her mind and the brightness of her soul s flame, refined by hardship and virtue. The quality of craftsmanship,...

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