



Forged by Joy

By Laura Mazza-Dixon

Antrim House. Paperback. Condition: New. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.3in. Late in the day, when the light falls across the hills that fold down to a river valley, you can see each layer of the landscape outlined all the way out to the horizon. The poems in this book are stories of the play of light and shadow across such a landscape, seen in retrospect, as though from a higher elevation. Like my grandmother, I have kept these stories close to me for decades, have puzzled and wrestled and prayed my way through the living of them, and sometimes have written them down. Laura Mazza-Dixon's *Forged by Joy* is a test of light against time, from innocence to loss, a spiritual autobiography seen first through a girl's eyes that behold wonder in everything, including stones - sea-polished ovals, green trapezoids laced with gold - and forged through a life of art and love and loss, arriving at the question, Can joy weigh more than grief? These are graceful, softly cadenced poems of belief carried against the final darkness we all face. Doug Anderson, poet and author of *Blues for Unemployed Secret Police* Of the book, *Forged by Joy* poet Tryfon...



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