



Spectator

By Kara Candito

University of Utah Press, U.S., United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. New.. 216 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Although it ends with a marriage, Kara Candito's second poetry collection is anything but a comedy. At the book's center is the struggle of a U.S. citizen and a Mexican citizen to find a common space and language in their relationship while navigating the U.S. immigration system, a process that sometimes requires magical thinking just to endure. By employing a kind of documentary poetics that views the application process through different angles and perspectives, Candito crafts discourses around xenophobia, otherness, and national and ethnic identity. In the waiting room of the third government office, / you will invent your own religion, writes Candito in *Ars Amatoria: So You Want to Marry a Foreign National*, a tragicomic sequence written in Roman-numeric fragments reminiscent of an official document's formatting. Interspersed with moments of lyric urgency (I am here to suffer more beautifully) and disconcerting cinematic observation (One wore an assault rifle across his back, // another pointed a video camera at our faces.), *Spectator* charts the plural self's course through a world of airplane...



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