



Side Show: Poems

By Catherine French

University of Nevada Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Side Show: Poems, Catherine French, In this, her first full-length poetry collection, Catherine French reveals an engaging curiosity about the complexities of the quotidian and a keen sensitivity to the strangeness and magic that lie within all our human experiences, from learning the shapes of the alphabet, realizing "how they failed in that attempt to join/the physical and abstract, how each sound/fell short of the world," to watching the death of a horse, its "beauty sent back/through the long funnel/to abstraction." These are poems of rich imagery and profound psychological insight, of wry ironies and compelling truths. French is a master at turning abstract emotions and concepts into precisely realized images and actions, at finding within the metaphysical mysteries of the spiritual the small and painful human hungers that drive us all. Imaginative, powerful, poignant, and magical, these poems will surprise and delight.

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