



Tell Me This is Normal: New and Selected Poems

By Julie O'Callaghan

Bloodaxe Books Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Tell Me This is Normal: New and Selected Poems, Julie O'Callaghan, "Tell Me This Is Normal" is a generous selection of Julie O'Callaghan's poetry, ranging from the "Edible Anecdotes" her readers gorged on in the 1980s to her most recent work confronting a very 'scary' 21st century with an armoury of lively and defiant language - as well as a baseball bat under the bed. She is a singularly acute observer of human behaviour, with a sharp Swiftian eye and an alert ear that have made her one of the finest and funniest practitioners of the monologue in poetry. Yet, notably in the poems charting her father's illness and death, she can also strike an elegiac and heartbreaking note, while her poems set in the court of Heian Japan unscroll with great poignancy and delicacy. Among the most admired poets of her generation - whose work has been championed by Wendy Cope, George Szirtes, Selima Hill and Carol Ann Duffy - Julie O'Callaghan writes poems which 'seem effortless and are immediately accessible and yet achieve great emotional weight by the lightest of means' (Michael Hartnett Award citation).

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