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Reviews

by Jeffrey Cyphers Wright

MINNESOTA DRIFT



Minnesota Drift by Annabel Lee WryAwry 2021

Digging *Minnesota Drift*. Annabel Lee extricates a whole new animus in these chopped silk, frothy "emergency" "bleachers." Exquisite still-lifes done windmill style. Including (blush) "snatch power." With cover by Donna Dennis! (A Minnesotan). "basket moon dream knocks." You'll be answering big time.

ON DIGIGRAM

Digigram
by Barbara Henning
United Artists Books 2021

DIG! These seemingly simple reflections, observations, thoughts, and memories are woven together in a way that creates surprises and epiphanies.

Barbara Henning has been developing her unique style of prose poems for her whole career, in a voice that is convincing, clear, and consummate. She touches all the touchstones from politics to age, ancestry, and sex. "you stuck your tongue in my mouth."

This poet's tongue will get stuck in your brain. Welcome *Digigram*, from the late Lewis Warsh's United Artists Books, (whose similar diaristic notebook style is equally seamless and consuming). Like strings of haiku, like beads of light.

WINGED RABBITS

The Winged Rabbits of Redemption by Dave Roskos Cat in the Sun Books 2021

Magic is wrung from the dust in Dave Roskos' razz-flown, beat up, cracked hallalujah Skeltonics.

In stripped down epistles of lyric loss and love, these poems nail down some shadow pain and outlaw glory. Searing portraits of the strugglers. Out of luck junkies, spacey inmates, and hapless hustlers. Mystic connections to a way-troubled dad. Dave is a resident Saint of the Underground. He puts patches on the soul.