



Boki

By Nitoo Das

Virtual Artists Collective, United States, 2008. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 226 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Boki. A word that means nothing in English, but when you come to the poem that it s in - well, there it stands for a shouted syllable, a deconstruction of someone s name -- someone who went around / with scowling hair, // her long betel-spittled / lips exploding sex-words while She sat in street-corners / and exposed glistening secrets / like roots with / shifty-eyed knowledge. A nonsense word that brings so much from its two syllables, is surely what poetry is about. The creation of image from sound. To bok in Assamese means to mutter/speak meaninglessly and repetitively. The Sanskrit word, Vak, from which this irreverent Assamese derivative takes its origins, means Speech. And Nitoo Das s Boki speaks in an explosion of images in which she demonstrates an uncanny ability to create poems that surprise us, hold us, move us to see things in new ways. A poem / laughs / when you tell it to sit. These poems not only laugh but insist on dancing. They taste lush and orange on...



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