



## Blowout

By Denise Duhamel

University of Pittsburgh Press, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. New.. 213 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Finalist, National Book Critics Circle Award. In *Blowout*, Denise Duhamel asks the same question that Frankie Lyman the Teenagers asked back in 1954 *Why Do Fools Fall in Love?* Duhamel's poems readily admit that she is a love-struck fool, but also embrace the crazy wisdom of the Fool of the Tarot deck and the fool as entertainer or jester. From a kindergarten crush to a failed marriage and beyond, Duhamel explores the nature of romantic love and her own limitations. She also examines love through music, film, and history Michelle and Barack Obama's inauguration and Cleopatra's ancient sex toy. Duhamel chronicles the perilous cruelties of love gone awry, but also reminds us of the compassion and transcendence in the aftermath. In *Having a Diet Coke with You*, she asserts that love poems are the most difficult poems to write / because each poem contains its opposite its loss / and that no matter how fierce the love of a couple / one of them will leave the other / if not through betrayal / then through...



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