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American Nocturne

By Elisabeth Stevens

Brickhouse Books, Inc., United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 224 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. "American Nocturne," Elisabeth Stevens sixth book of poetry, is unfettered, wide-ranging. Unlike her fifth collection, *Sirens Songs*, which was selected by Kirkus Reviews as one of the hundred best indie books of 2011 and focused intensely on romantic and sexual liaisons, *American Nocturne* explores a world-wide geography and more, ranging expansively from continent to continent, from reality to dream. *American Nocturne* begins with a Manhattan sunset (the title poem) moves across the country, concludes in a sun-animated hospital solarium back in New York City. In between, the poet visits a North Carolina pizza parlor, a tour boat in Dunedin, New Zealand, and drives a mysterious passenger on a bureaucratic, night errand before realizing that her companion is "no longer living." Later, in "Voyage," an ancient death ship ventures to "the edge of the earth," and, in "Arachne," a powerful spider offers the possibility of transfiguration. In "Planting Trees," the death of trees is countered by the assertion: "I'll plant as long as I can."



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