



Double Jinx: Poems

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Milkweed Editions, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Double Jinx follows the multiple transformations -- both figurative and literal -- that accompany adolescence and adulthood, particularly for young women. Drawing inspiration from sources as varied as Ovid s Metamorphoses, the rewritten fairy tales in Anne Sexton's Transformations, and the wild and shifting dreamscapes of Brigit Pegeen Kelly s work, these poems track speakers attempting to construct identity. A series of poems depict the character of Nancy Drew as she delves into an obsession with a doppelganger. Cinderella wakes up to a pumpkin and a tattered dress after her prince grows tired of her. A young girl obsessed with fairy tales becomes fascinated with a copy of Grey s Anatomy in which she finds a pink girl pinned to the page as if in vivisection. Could she / be pink inside like that? No decent girl / would go around the world like that, uncooked. The collection culminates in an understanding of the ways we construct our selves, whether it be by way of imitation, performance, and/or transformation. And it looks forward as well, for in coming to understand...



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