



When All the World Is Old: Poems

By John Rybicki

Lookout Books, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. New.. 226 x 145 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. At the age of 29, just five years after they met, John Rybicki's wife, the poet Julie Moulds, was diagnosed with cancer. Here, in poems raw and graceful, authentic and wise, Rybicki pays homage to the brave love they shared during her 16-year battle and praises the caregivers nurses and doctors and friends who helped them throughout. He invites readers to bear witness to not only the chemotherapy, the many remissions, and the bone marrow transplants, but also the adoption of the couple's son, the lifted prayers, the borrowed time, and the lovers' last touches. A husband smashes an ice-cream cone against his forehead to make his wife laugh. He awakens in the middle of the night to find their dog drowsing atop a pile of her remnant clothes. The lamentations and celebrations of *When All the World Is Old* create a living testament to an endless love. Braided with intimate entries from Moulds's journal, these poems become the unflinching and lyric autobiography of a man hurtling himself head.



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