



The Theme of Tonight's Party has Been Changed: Poems

By Dana Roeser

University of Massachusetts Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Theme of Tonight's Party has Been Changed: Poems, Dana Roeser, Sui generis, Dana Roeser's poems are spoken by a stand-up comic having a bad night at the local club. The long extended syntax, spread over her quirky, syncopated short lines, contains (barely) the speaker's anxieties over an ageing father with Parkinson's, the maturation of two daughters, friends at twelve-step meetings and their sometimes suicidal urges - acted on or resisted - and her own place in a world that seems about to spin out of control. Bad weather and tiny economy cars speeding down the interstate next to Jurassic semis become the metaphor, or figurative vehicle, for this poet's sense of her own precariousness. Roeser brings a host of characters into her poems - a Catholic priest raging against the commercialism of Mother's Day, the injured tennis player James Blake, a man struck by lightning, drunk partygoers, an ex-marine, Sylvia Plath's son Nicholas Hughes, a neighbour, travellers encountered in airport terminals, various talk therapists - and lets them speak. She records with high fidelity the nuances of our ordinary exigencies so that the poems become extraordinary arias sung by a...



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