



The Lovely Disciplines (Paperback)

By Martyn Crucefix

Poetry Wales Press, United Kingdom, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Poet Martyn Crucefix s new collection, The Lovely Disciplines, (Seren) steps straight into a contemporary world where cursors blink, people Skype, consult Google Street View, make erotically-charged visits to the opticians, find ATM receipts in secondhand books of poetry. Such acuteness of observation is one of the lovely disciplines in these vivid, exploratory poems that surprise and delight with portraits of a motor-biking boy-racer, strange meetings at Heathrow and images from Crucefix s native Wiltshire: a toll cottage, the West Kennet long barrow, the weir at Tellisford. At the centre of the book are poems tracing family grief in the decline of an older generation, yet Crucefix everywhere anticipates a wider, more joyful reconciliation of opposites. In The Lovely Disciplines the ultimate value is love experienced as if each was at last all creatures / and all things all empty ways / all stones all metals and all streams.

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