



## Nip? W?n?n: My Way Back (Paperback)

By Mika Lafond

Thistledown Press, United States, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Bilingual. Language: English . Brand New Book. Moving between Lafond s own Cree language and her adopted English language, these poems create a kind of cultural dialogue that invests heavily in the close relationship she had with her grandmother and the teachings that were offered to her. Employing the transformation rituals of her Cree culture, Lafond seeks out the universal love of all people, all animals, all things/my heartbeat slows, my spirit breathes/ in a circle of women I find myself/with my ancestors. The tone of such adaptation is reflected time and again in the elements of nature that form the life source for understanding her grandmother s words and for understanding how she can be one with her Cree past. The descriptions of the natural world - the rain and snow, the sage and sweetgrass, and the wind and clouds serve her poems as do the memories of her grandmother s life and the day-to-day rituals that shaped it. Stylistically emotive but never maudlin, Lafond recreates those energies that now give her strength. nip? w?n?n: my way back is a poetic journey of one woman discovering her Cree heritage and how...

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