



House of Deer (Paperback)

By Sasha Steensen

FENCE BOOKS, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 175 x 142 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Like the Oppen she takes as her epigraph, Sasha Steensen's is a poetry that feels magically made via both subtraction and building. With language as lush as Hopkins and then as small and weird as Niedecker's, Steensen tells a story, or alights in and out of a story, all her own. It's an American story, too, with all the bloodiness and experiment that such a thing requires. --Maggie Nelson Sasha Steensen's third volume is a lyric inquiry into a personal history of the back-to-the-land idealism of the 1970s, with its promises and failings, naturalism gone awry, and journeys into the worlds of addiction, recovery, and, ultimately, family. If family is a body, learn its anatomy, Steensen writes early in the book, immediately before upending all our expectations and giving us new thoughts to think. The family bought a rural plot planted a garden. The family formed thoughts. Within these thoughts, eggs hatched, animals were born, little wars formed. Each thought said unspeakable things to the other thoughts. As you know, unspoken thoughts rot. Sasha Steensen teaches poetry workshops,...

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