



## Snow Water (Paperback)

By Michael Longley

Wake Forest University Press, 2004. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Michael Longley's *Snow Water* follows his highly acclaimed *The Weather in Japan* to prove that he is one of the best nature poets in English: a poet who can rightly claim the paradoxically liquid crystal snow water as a metaphor for his own imagination. Yet, living in Northern Ireland, Michael Longley is a nature poet turned into a war poet as if / He could cure death with the rub of a dock leaf, as he writes in Edward Thomas's Poem. Longley cherishes the natural world, the words associated with it, and the perspective which dwelling in the five elements has revealed to his tender, patient mind. The imperatives of the subjective world resound in every sacramental detail of the landscape. Even in the elegies, eulogies and friendship verse, Longley's ability to find the right natural image with which to communicate his fellow feelings is striking; for example, he compares the poems of the late Michael Hartnett to the skylark's / Chilly hallelujah, the robin's autumn song. And so it is with the rest of the poems on a multiplicity of...

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