



Unassisted Living (Paperback)

By Jim Gustafson

Big Table Publishing Company, United States, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. All that is beautiful is passing, reflects Jim Gustafson in his first full-length collection, Drains and Other Depressions. Yet to call these poems elegies, or to assert that they look only backwards, is to sell them short. The work here covers the great swath of a fully lived life, pairing wisdom and nostalgia with a reminder that our desires never diminish as we age. The end result is a book teeming with insight and generosity. That voice, gentle and assertive both, marks the arrival of a fully formed and mature poet. Steve Kistulentz, The Luckless and Little Black Daydream Who says aging gracefully is a virtue? What about aging honestly? Or, put another way: Bliss is a tired word, / hisses like a snake. Or, put another way: All I can think about is the abundance / of spoons. In Drains and Other Depressions, Jim Gustafson traces the decades grasp on our heart and bodies, in landscapes ranging from Florida s oaks, to New York s sidewalks, to Lisbon s hills. I ve never had an epiphany, one speaker...

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