



Fireflies: Poems

By John Leland

Mercer University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Fireflies: Poems, John Leland, Debut collection of poetry from an award-winning nature writer Fireflies is a collection of lyrical poems- formal and informal--that seek solace in nature and memory for the heartache of being human. From children chasing fireflies at night to middle agers chasing lost loves at three in the morning, they trace the compromises we make to make it--the dead mice, cats, fetuses, and loves left in our wakes. And they celebrate the tenuous survival of trees, love, and innocence. MONARCHS Monarchs ride fall's cold fronts south in waves, warming us in thin orange blankets stitched by a million nearly mindless threads weaving arabesques bright as autumn leaves. I too would leave, run with the wind, and wave goodbye to all of this, fly a carpet over the Appalachians' parapets, high above the Mississippi's swerves, head south to the Gulf and west to Texas, crossing the Rio in a grander, drier river, through Chihuahua, Durango, Zacatecas, into Michoacan's fabled forest firs and winter where the trees are hung with wealth undreamt by Bogarts mucking gold beneath.



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