



## Blood Rivers; Poems of Texture from the Border (Paperback)

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By Lisha Adela Garca, LISHA ADELA GARCIA

1st World Publishing, United States, 2009. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Lisha Adela Garcia s splendid debut full-length collection of poems, Blood Rivers, follows the legacy of blood-spilled, spared, reviled, holy, singled-out, intermingled, and sustaining. These are poems of cultural border crossings and personal boundary breaches as seen from the female perspective. Her whole life is the geography between two countries, two cultures, two languages, the Rio Grande, hugging both sides of her story. She envisions her long black tongue, a computer / chewing the lessons of history. The poems can be scathing, calling us out for our absurdities, as in St, Francis in Mesilla where we hear how War tames the sassy wildness of the rich / who justify themselves later by becoming Buddhists / who sell meditation tapes. And these poems can also be gentle, calling out to our best selves, as in Quizas where we hear Love is a waltz / starving death for a moment. This collection speaks to the challenges of our blended native, Spanish, colonist, immigrant North American culture in the way Neruda s Canto General spoke to Chile s challenges. Lisha...



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