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The Bees (Hardback)

By Carol Ann Duffy

Pan MacMillan, United Kingdom, 2011. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. The Bees is Carol Ann Duffy s first collection of new poems as Poet Laureate, and the much-anticipated successor to the T. S. Eliot Prize-winning Rapture. After the intimate focus of the earlier book, The Bees finds Duffy using her full poetic range: there are drinking songs, love poems, poems to the weather, poems of political anger; her celebrated Last Post (written for the last surviving soldiers to fight in the First World War) showed that powerful public poetry still has a central place in our culture. There are elegies, too, for beloved friends, and -- most movingly -- the poet s own mother. As Duffy s voice rises in this collection, her music intensifies, and every poem patterns itself into song. Woven and weaving through the book is its presiding spirit: the bee. Sometimes the bee is Duffy s subject, sometimes it strays into the poem, or hovers at its edge -- and the reader soon begins to anticipate its appearance. In the end, Duffy s point is clear: the bee symbolizes what we have left of grace in the...



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