



RAVEN

Chapbooks

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“doom eager”

by Karl Meade

Shortlist, Third Runner Up

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“This poet explores the Icelandic term for what it means to be sick with an idea and immediately got our attention with phrase after phrase such as 'the soon light'. Many of these poems read as an intimate exchange that drew us in and sometimes we were the 'I' and sometimes the 'you'. These poems have a depth and complexity that move through the seasons and beyond the seasons.

There is a unity here and a plan that makes it impossible to stop after just one poem. The final section drew us in with its shifting intimacy. There the poet reveals how fragile each life is at that moment when all is about to plunge. Throughout this chapbook the poet's language is fragile but fierce and the poems interweave the personal and the natural world so well that at times the *you* is both plant and an unsleeping child. These poems are rich with internal rhyme and complex rhythms.”

(Yvonne Blomer and Robert Hilles, Judges for the Raven Poetry Chapbook Contest)