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## In the ice house

Poems by

Genevieve Kaplan

Genevieve Kaplan's *In the ice house* offers an innovative meditation on domestic life and the physical world that surrounds it, chronicling "at least the beginnings of some disaster" taking place in a landscape that "had no symmetry." Her poems reveal an atmospheric and wondrous world filled with odd and compelling images. The poet's insistent evocation of elemental images—the birds, the ice, the water—becomes almost incantatory, as the speaker seeks escape from "the frantic outside" she's trapped within. Kaplan's sky "has the depth / of an ocean," and this book deeply articulates how "silence is the only word that can replace loss." Moving artfully between internal desires and incisive observations of the external, these stunning poems radiate with both heat and ice.

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*In the ice house*

Poems by Genevieve Kaplan

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Biographical note:

Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, **Genevieve Kaplan** is a graduate of UC Santa Cruz and the Iowa Writers Workshop. She currently lives in Southern California where she is pursuing a PhD in Literature and Creative Writing. She is the founding editor of the Toad Press International Chapbook Series, which publishes literary translations, and a co-editor of *The Loudest Voice: Volume 1* anthology. Her poems and essays have been published in numerous journals, including *Jubilat*, *Gulf Coast*, *Jacket*, *Copper Nickel*, *Fence*, and *Northwest Review*. *In the ice house* is her first book of poetry.

### Praise for *In the ice house*:

"The precise, crystalline lyrics of Genevieve Kaplan's *In the ice house* reveal that wonder exists everywhere in the habits and habitations of domestic space. There is no beauty so small, so vernacular that it escapes the illumined attention of this gifted poet. These are poems to read the world by."

—Peter Gizzi



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**More Praise for *In the Ice House*:**



“We find ourselves wandering deep, deep into the world in this collection of sharp, startling poems--poems that often have a swerve at the end, sending us to the unexpected. The birds return, and the trees, and the ice, always the ice, but each time, new piercing details come into view. Though spare on the page, these pieces radiate a wealth born of Genevieve Kaplan’s unique and invaluable view of the world.”

—Cole Swenson

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**From “Winter, reflected in our keen houses”**

The sky is plain and the bushes thin, the walks bare,  
the structure broad, appealing.  
The room a box, the home—  
nothing will grow  
where it is. The sky bends against the planks.  
Lonesome, uncomplicated curve.  
The landscape  
working along so even.  
The stairway, the rail, the back of the chair.  
The body of a lamp, a globe.  
Curtains that scrape against the floor. The fabric  
so thin the seams show through.  
The light creates the effect  
which cannot be so different from wavering.





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