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## Air Kissing on Mars

Poems by

Kim Dower

Kim Dower's poems are sensual and rhapsodic journeys through emotional landscapes sweeping everyday life. Playful, intelligent, funny, edgy, engaging -- sometimes biting, ironic and dark, sometimes dreamy and surreal, full of poignancy and arresting metaphors, the daily, simple occurrences in *Air Kissing On Mars* startle and provoke, while stirring up the fairy dust and turbulent weight of memory; evoking the possibilities and gorgeous chaos of life.

Open and inviting, these poems draw the reader into a world seen upside down, inside out, a sideways bird reporting on a universe filled with mystery and passion. Joan Didion meets Tinkerbell, Kim Dower's poems are as whimsical and light as they are rich and intense. Simultaneously humorous and profound these passionate and personal poems, relatable to all, are drenched with vivid imagery, and sparkle with surprise.



*Air Kissing on Mars*

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Bio:

**Kim (Freilich) Dower** grew up in New York on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and received a BFA in Creative Writing from Emerson College in Boston. Upon graduating, Kim stayed at Emerson where she taught Introduction to Creative Writing: Poetry for two years before moving to Los Angeles where she pursued other writing projects and began her own literary publicity company called Kim-from-L.A., the name for which she has become famous in the world of book publishing. A few years ago, "like magic, like a dream," poetry re-entered her life and the poems have been rushing out as if a 25 year dam had broken, and she's been writing three or more poems a week. Kim's work has appeared in *Ploughshares*, *The Seneca Review*, and in the on-line video magazine, *Guerilla Reads*. She lives with her family in West Hollywood, California.

Praise for *Air Kissing on Mars*:

"Kim Dower writes jazzy, sassy, sexy poems that move fast, are full of surprise and tweak the heartstrings like Arkhipovsky tweaks the balalaika."

—Stephen Dobyns

"Kim Dower's poetry is absolutely charming and compelling. She combines humor and heartbreak, while exploring the personal and universal. Her poems are both accessible and profound. What I love most is that the poet herself is so present in her images and emotions. What a big, beautiful, generous, and funny heart she has!"

—Lisa See