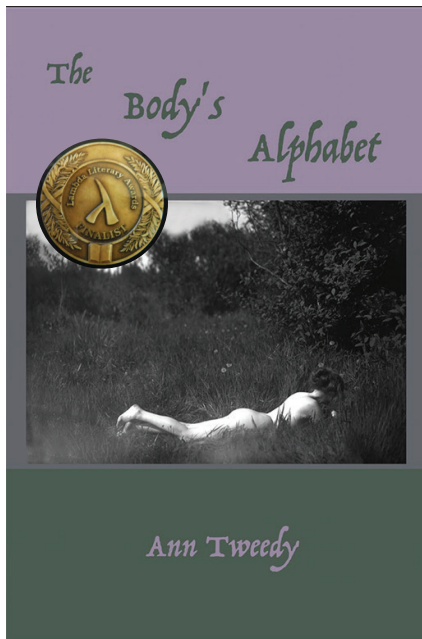


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The Body's Alphabet

Poet Ann Tweedy's *The Body's Alphabet* Explores the Body's Physical and Spiritual Journeys and the Search for Home in an Often Unforgiving World



Poet Ann Tweedy's first full-length collection, *The Body's Alphabet*, explores the body's spiritual and physical journeys in exquisitely crafted, lyrical poems. These poems mine family relationships marred by mental illness and abandonment, complicated romances and friendships, connections to the natural world, and intense and sometimes fraught interactions with strangers. Through these poems, Tweedy poignantly explores human vulnerability and the need for belonging, using her own bisexuality, childhood loneliness, and discontinuity with nature as lenses. The poems carry the reader aloft through waves of surprising narrative, unsolvable conundrums, and deep paradoxes, leaving the reader both wiser and more uncertain at every turn.

At their core, the poems in *The Body's Alphabet* reflect the search for home in a world in which true homes have always been lacking or fleeting. D.A. Powell describes *The Body's Alphabet* as being "built on a precarious and often tender journey through homes no longer available to return to" and calls the book "a blessed space . . . : a home for the wayward soul." Author Carol Guess terms the book "a brave and honest examination of liminality," and poet Katrina Vandenberg call's Tweedy's vision "both hopeful and wise."

Finalist for a Lambda Literary Award, a Bisexual Book Award, Bi Writer of the Year Award, and a Golden Crown Literary Society Award

Ann Tweedy's poetry has been published in *Rattle*, *Clackamas Literary Review*, *Berkeley Poetry Review*, *Wisconsin Review*, and many other places. She is also the author of two chapbooks—*White Out* (Green Fuse Press 2013) and *Beleaguered Oases* (tcCreative Press 2010)—and she has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and a Best of the Net Award. In addition to writing poetry, she has served as a law professor, most recently at the former Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, and is a leading scholar on both tribal civil jurisdiction and bisexuality and the law. She currently serves as in-house counsel for an Indian tribe in Washington State. Ann grew up in Southeastern Massachusetts and graduated from Bryn Mawr College and the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. She is also an M.F.A. candidate at Hamline University.

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