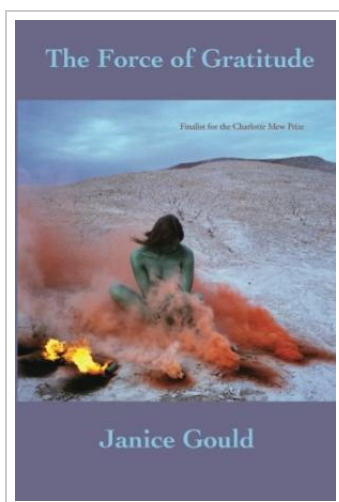




The Force of Gratitude (Paperback)

By Janice Gould

Headmistress Press, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Finalist for the Charlotte Mew Prize Janice Gould carries us through the challenges and triumphs of her life with such carefully observed detail, such immediacy. At the end of one poem she writes about a woman she met when she was twenty-one, asking, Hadn't she gazed steadily into my eyes? And this is exactly what these poems do. By gazing steadily into one poet's experience, they show us the world. --Ellen Bass, Judge of the Charlotte Mew Prize Luminous with the tradition of Deep Song, or Cante Jondo, *The Force of Gratitude* is a journey through song and story of the love, longing, sorrow and beauty that shape a life. With a brave and intimate voice, each poem invites us into its vibrant residence, into the rapturous landscapes of the heart. --Jennifer Elise Foerster, author of *Leaving Tulsa Tracing the West coast* from Berkeley to Portland to Vancouver, these poems and prose poems track a migratory youth. Pushed north, the speaker wanders, working as she goes: I was the girl who bucked hay, split wood, tore the ragged face of earth...



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