



From the Belly of My Beauty: Poems

By Esther Belin

University of Arizona Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 104 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.1in. x 0.3in. If it can be said that Native culture is hidden behind the facade of mainstream America, there is a facet of that culture hidden even to many Native Americans. One of today's generation of outstanding Native writers, Esther Belin is an urban Indian. Raised in the city, she speaks with an entirely different voice from that of her reservation kindred as she expresses herself on subjects of urban alienation, racism, sexism, substance abuse, and cultural estrangement. In this bold new collection of poems, Belin presents a startling vision of urban California particularly Los Angeles contrasted with Navajo life in the Four Corners region. She presents aspects of Din, life and history not normally seen by readers accustomed to accounts written by Navajos brought up on the reservation. Her work reveals a difference in experience but a similarity in outlook. Belin's poems put familiar cultural forms in a new context, as Coyote struts down east 14th feeling good looking good feeling the brown. Her character Ruby dramatizes the gritty reality of a Native woman's life (I laugh sit smoke a Virginia Slim and talk to the spirits)....



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