



Dementia: This Undiscovered Country (Paperback)

By Norma Coleman Jenckes

Blackstone River Press, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Norma Jenckes knows the costs of dementia more than most, having watched two loved ones travel into the shadowy realm where memory and personality slowly erode. First she watched her mother succumb to the disease, then, years later, realized her husband travelled the same road. Enjoying a fulfilling life of shared research and interests, Jenckes is blind-sided by the unwelcome and rapid changes her husband, a respected Shakespearian scholar, began experiencing memory loss and an increased inability to perform daily tasks. Unable to cope with the demands of academic life, he retired, and Jenckes, who had planned to continue her career for several more years, found herself trading her career for that congenial commitment. The transition took a severe toll on Jenckes, both physically and emotionally. As she adjusted to her new life, she found strength and comfort in two old friends: reading and poetry. Already a published poet, she began to articulate the pain, loss, and occasional triumphs of caregiving in her poems, emerging forcefully in new work that demanded to be told. The collection...

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