



A Suburb of Heaven (Paperback)

By Pnina Shinebourne

Flipped Eye Publishing Limited, United Kingdom, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.A Suburb of Heaven is a collection built from observation and speculation. Based on artist Stanley Spencer s work in the first section and the part-imagined life of Anna O, patient zero of psychoanalysis, in the second, it is a feast for the senses. Spencer s predilection for using Biblical scenes in a rural context carries a narrative impetus that Pnina Shinebourne builds on to create revelatory poetic highs, half-way between drunkenness and reverie . These moments of altered reality perhaps lead inevitably to the sequence on Anna O, which starts with the curiously apt line, Transference, said Freud . From that opening, Pnina invents Anna O s history, complete with music notes and linguistic asides. The imagery here is soft against what was sold as hard science; a struggling patient s emotions set against the speculating notes of ambitious men.



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