



Letters to Borges

By Stephen Kuusisto

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Language: English . Brand New Book. [Kuusisto] is a powerful writer with a musical ear for language and a gift for emotional candor. -- The New York Times A talented writer judged against any standard. -- USA Today Best-selling memoirist Stephen Kuusisto uses the themes of travel, place, religion, music, art, and loneliness to explore the relationship between seeing, blindness, and being. In poems addressed to Jorge Luis Borges--another poet who lived with blindness--Kuusisto leverages seeing as negative capability, creating intimacy with deep imagination and uncommon perceptions. Alone Today I understood While drinking tea hearing rain That the word for birth the one for sin Come from a single root In Finnish -- that tongue they Spoke when I was small. Synntu, untranslatable, Original sin nearly, But softer, Like water Carried a long way In a jar In May. Stephen Kuusisto is a poet, essayist, and memoirist. He is the author of two collections of poetry and two memoirs, including the best-selling Planet of the Blind (W. W. Norton Company, 1998). A graduate from and former teacher at the Iowa Writers Workshop, Kuusisto now teaches at...



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