



## Spectral Waves (Paperback)

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By Madeline Defrees

Copper Canyon Press, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. DeFrees is committed to rigorous, even ritualistic, forms and a dense economy and precision of language. --Poetry Brimming with characteristic charm and careful regard, Madeline DeFrees ranges in scope and scale from sonnets about Elvis, a poem-cycle about sculptor Henry Moore, and lyrics about cataracts. DeFrees s poems are filled with daily encounters--birds outside the window, trips to the doctor, the plants in her well-tended garden--yet she brilliantly elevates these subjects beyond the personal. From A Crown of Sonnets for The King D.O.A. Although the mourners know his fate is sealed they can t give up on God, Who may come through. They cast about for something more to do: into Emergency, the patient s wheeled. The human curtain parts. Aides leave the field to doctors who inject the heart and who start IV drips, then shock a time or two the organ grown so large with caring that it failed. Why are we working on this corpse? The nurse throws up her hands. The crew, shocked back to normal, admits discretion is the better part of valor. They ll stare suspicion down, advise, rehearse the clothes...



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