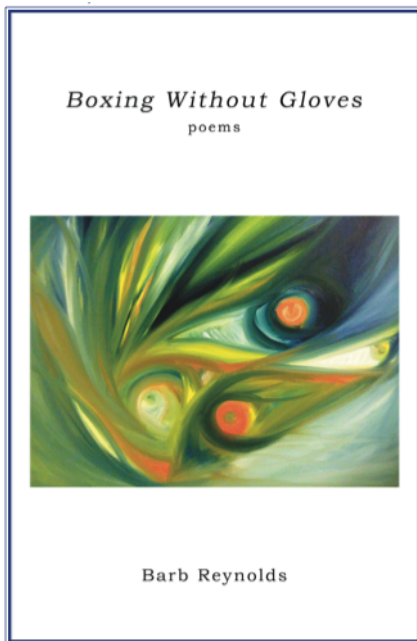


Dear Friends,

As many of you know, I've been writing poetry for years and have just begun to publish. Speaking of...

I'm delighted to announce that my chapbook (a short book of poetry, about 21 poems), *Boxing Without Gloves*, is being published in November by Finishing Line Press.



Boxing Without Gloves, Barb Reynolds' first chapbook, is remarkable for its understated and beautiful narratives. I am reminded of Raymond Carver, whose poems became, in and of themselves, metaphors. Barb Reynolds has this grace, this ease, this command of a language full of the concrete, full of things—plastic gnomes, hummingbirds, fists, jasmine, mangoes and shiny black shoes. That this poet hones in on the physical and the concrete is fitting, because here — from the heart-breaking recollection of a visit to a father in prison to the poem for a lover with skin “of vanilla and ground ginger”— is a speaker who is very aware of the ways in which language fails us: naming the world is an act of survival. These are not easy poems to read because they are about what matters—love, loss, illness, betrayal—which means everything is at stake. We are all, as Barb Reynolds reminds us, finding our way home “in the dark.” How lucky we are that we have her poems to carry with us.

**Jude Nutter, author of *The Curator of Silence*, and
I Wish I Had a Heart Like Yours, Walt Whitman**

The chapbook is available for pre-order now until September 19th. During this pre-sale period, shipping costs are a little less than usual. Also, it's important to order now because the number of books sold during this time will determine how many they print. I do hope you'll consider ordering a copy during the pre-publication period (before Sept 19). In fact, if you feel the urge, go ahead and order 10! I won't complain!

I will be having two book signing/reading parties in December—one at my home in Oakland and one at my sister's home in Los Angeles. Details to follow.

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Thanks everyone!!
Love, Barb

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