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# Glaciology

By Jeffrey Skinner

Southern Illinois University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Glaciology, Jeffrey Skinner, "Once I walked a thin rail through a glacier" begins "Shattered Bio", the first poem in Glaciology, Jeffrey Skinner's latest collection of poetry. Filled with images that slide into one another in a dreamlike way, from the "squeak of pine trees in a forest" to "pinwheel, the baby's hand", the poem provides a precise way of seeing how layers of tenderness and danger melt into one another, inhabiting the same world. At the centre of the book, the eighteen-part title poem "Glaciology" takes readers to the core of misunderstandings as it juxtaposes the work of a glaciologist with fractured language, misread cues, and a literalness that defies conventional explanation. The lives of the glaciers are reported with a careful, scientific language that keeps readers emotionally at bay from the effects of their demise, and the speaker comments, "I consider language / mistreated these days, asked to explain itself / to justify at the same time it bears / meaning, to own up / to creation at the moment of use / only, and only that meaning." The third section of the book further explores the tensions of life...



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