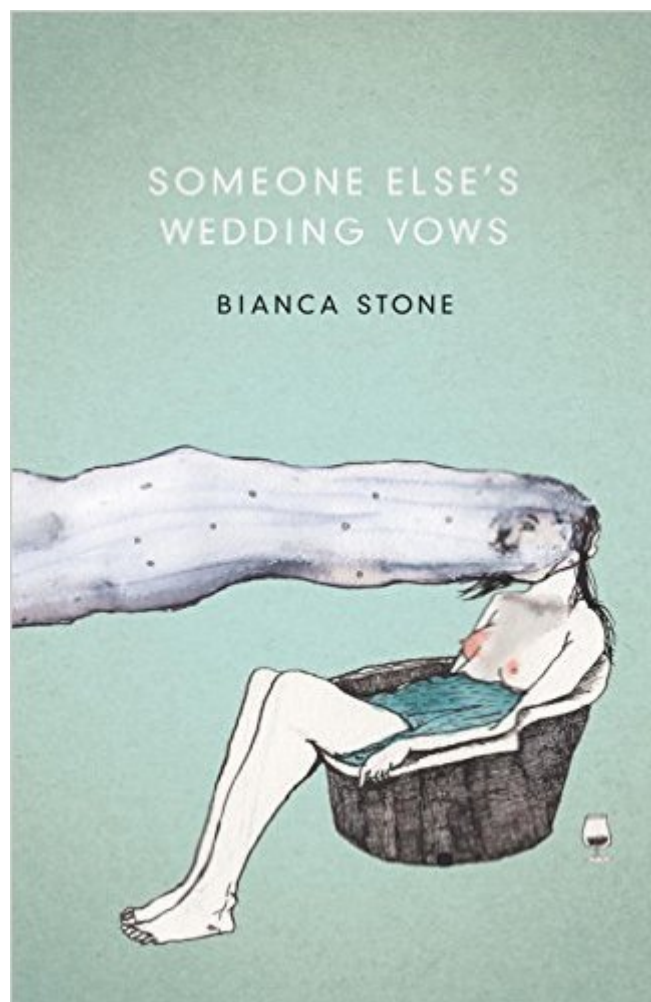


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Someone Else's Wedding Vows



Synopsis

The much-anticipated debut collection from a celebrated young poet, *Someone Else's Wedding Vows* marks the arrival of an exciting new voice in American poetry. *Someone Else's Wedding Vows* reflects on the different forms of love, which can be both tremendously joyous and devastatingly destructive. The title poem confronts a human ritual of marriage from the standpoint of a wedding photographer. Within the tedium and alienation of the ceremony, the speaker grapples with a strange human hopefulness. In this vein, Stone explores our everyday patterns and customs, and in doing so, exposes them for their complexities. Drawing on the neurological, scientific, psychological, and even supernatural, this collection confronts the difficulties of love and family. Stone rankles with a desire to understand, but the questions she asks are never answered simply. These poems stroll along the abyss, pointing towards the absurdity of our choices. They recede into the imaginative in order to understand and translate the distressing nature of reality. It is a bittersweet question this book raises: Why we are like this? There is no easy answer. So while we look down at our hands, perplexed, *Someone Else's Wedding Vows* raises a glass to the future.

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Bianca Stone is the real deal. This book is beautiful and funny and painful all at the same time. The lines are sharp and surprising. Years from now when we look back on the poets of this generation, we will remember this writer. This is a very good book.

Disclaimer: I don't read a lot of poetry. Does that make me unqualified to review a book of poetry? I

don't know. I see poetry as lyrics without music, a chance to see something in a way that transcends the limits of prose, and to offer turns of phrase that force the reader to examine the lenses through which he or she reads. Bianca Stone's new collection of poems, *Someone Else's Wedding Vows*, does just that, but left me a little flat. These poems contain snippets of powerful imagery, and snapshots of insight, but didn't congeal into much coherence for me, either individually or as a collection. I was reminded of a song with a few good riffs but that never really goes anywhere. *Someone Else's Wedding Vows* felt a little like someone else's stream of consciousness, or someone else's inside stories to which I am not privy. Thanks to Edelweiss and the publisher for the complimentary electronic review copy!

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Sorry but it was not my cup of tea. I did not enjoy the poetry and felt it was bizarre. I did not finish the book due to this disappointment.

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