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Silver's Poems Explore Illness, Suffering, Faith, and Redemption

LSU Press to Publish I Watched You Disappear in February 2014

"[Silver's] poems know suffering and rail against God, they know mourning and the death of a friend, they celebrate and lament. God is a brooding presence throughout a collection that is full of both the knowledge of the cross and the joy of the reality beyond it."—Christian Century

"Silver's lyric voice and stunning, insightful metaphors illuminate the ordinary, the challenging, and the sublime."—Image

"Silver takes the breadth of her life experience—the raw suffering of her cancer diagnosis and treatment, her turn to religion, her fears about death, her gratitude for her life—and transforms it into thoughtful, intelligent poems."—ArtsATL

Baton Rouge— Passionately written and perfectly crafted, Anya Krugovoy Silver's poems help us to view life through a different lens. In *I Watched You Disappear*, she offers meditations on sickness but also celebrations of art, motherhood, and family, as well as a sequence of poems based on the fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm.

Throughout her collection, Silver examines feelings of pain, anger, and urgency caused by a serious illness and presents the struggle to cope in a lyrical and moving way. Never overwhelmed by her own mortality, Silver manages to speak with beauty and grace about a terrifying subject. Infinitely touching, engaging, and finely tuned, Silver's poems invite us to look at the lives we love in new and profound ways.

Anya Krugovoy Silver's previous collection from LSU Press is *The Ninety-Third Name of God*. She has also published poems in many journals, including *Image*, *Five Points*, the *Georgia Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Crazyhorse*, and *Christian Century*. Silver is an associate professor of English at Mercer University and lives in Georgia with her husband and son.

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