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### **Margaret Gibson's Newest Collection Examines the Grief and Frustration of Alzheimer's Disease** *LSU Press to Publish Broken Cup in September 2014*

*"Broken Cup is indispensable for both its necessity and its extraordinary beauty. A care-giving friend to whom I showed Gibson's poems replied with an unsurpassable description: they are lifeboats of recognition." In this book, Alzheimer's has found its voice.*—Jane Hirshfield,  
*author of Come Thief*

**Baton Rouge—*Broken Cup***, winner of the L.E. Phillabaum Poetry Award, brings breathtaking eloquence to what **Margaret Gibson** describes as “traveling the Way of Alzheimer’s” with her husband, poet David McKain. After his initial and tentative diagnosis, Gibson suspended her writing for two years; but then poetry returned, and the creative process became the lightning rod that grounded her and presented a path forward. The poems in ***Broken Cup*** bear witness to how Alzheimer’s erodes memory and cognitive function, but they never forget to see what is present and to ask what may remain of the self.

Moving and unflinchingly honest in the acknowledgment of pain, frustration, and grief, the poems uncover, time and time again, the grace of abiding love. Gibson gives heart as well as voice to an experience that is deeply personal, yet shared by all too many.

**Margaret Gibson** is the author of ten books of poems and one prose memoir. A native of Virginia, now a resident of Preston, Connecticut, she is a nationally and internationally recognized poet. She has received numerous honors, including the Connecticut Book Award and the Melville Kane Award, and her collection *The Vigil* was a finalist for the National Book Award in Poetry.

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