



Rancho Nostalgia

By James Cihlar

Dream Horse Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 102 pages. Dimensions: 8.4in. x 5.5in. x 0.4in. Midway through James Cihlar's splendid *Rancho Nostalgia* you'll find some advice: Keep reaching into the past to grab something new. One of the great wonders of this book full of wonders is that Cihlar follows his own instruction so brilliantly. Whether invoking scenes from classic movies or from the poet's own life, the results are poignant, complex, and full of bracing insights. These poems feel like they're being projected from a beguiling, not-quite-familiar place somewhere behind us, close to the border, where the light is good. Mark Bibbins James Cihlar's poems in *Rancho Nostalgia* contain the twisted love of a stage mom and the nervous energy of an Oscar Show producer. Here's a cinephilic poet who can pretty much direct anything, even the transformation of Sherlock Holmes into a wharf rat. Of course, Cihlar can't shut off his camera. A woman's face is the Wrigley building lit at night. Teddy Roosevelt and Winston Churchill are rag dolls in the future's toy box. And Cihlar's alter ego parades down Wall Street wearing a diadem of wheat. At one point, he flatly says, Inspiration comes when we...



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