



West of Darkness (Paperback)

By John Barton

Press Porcepic, Ontario, Canada, 1999. Paperback. Condition: New. 2nd ed.. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Here, in a new edition reprint of John Barton's Archibald Lampman Award-winning classic, is a portrait in verse of the venerable and eccentric Emily Carr. Barton explores the West Coast landscape that was her inspiration with its cathedrals of cedars and the swirling skies of her own imagining. With an introduction by Kate Braid, author of *To This Cedar Fountain*, Barton's own artistry is made available to the host of fans it garnered on its original printing and to those legions which have followed his career for the last fifteen years. Emily Carr wrote in her journal in the early thirties: Avoid outrageousness and monstrosity. Be vital, intense, sincere. Distort if it is necessary to carry your point but not for the sake of being outlandish. Seek ever to lift the painting above the paint. Barton heeds her words, penning a fine literary work which is representational rather than documentary, impressionistic rather than exact, creating art that betrays the artist intact in spirit, fortitude and legacy.



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