



## Tiger Heron

By Robin Becker

University of Pittsburgh Press, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. New.. 226 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Appearance and disguise - in a Costa Rican rainforest, a West Village repair shop, or an intimate relationship - reveal the turbulence that undergirds daily life, as families and places undergo change. In *Elegy for the Norther Flying Squirrel* and *Divers*, Becker takes up the science of climate change and habitat loss. Language that is by turns virtuosic and quiet, astonishing and accurate, writes a reviewer of Becker's 2006 collection, *Domain of Perfect Affection* for *Jewish Book World Magazine*. The challenge of aligning loss with love exerts a potent tension in *Tiger Heron*, as age comprises mortal bodies and intimacies end. A self-mocking wit propels characters to find and lose and find each other again - in the imagination and in the stories these poems tell. The final line of *The Sounds of Yiddish* - Spare us what we can learn to endure - closes a playful send-up, dramatising language, culture and power. Writing in *The Washington Post*, former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky praises Becker's comic timing. Longtime readers of Becker's work will delight...



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