

Anne Boyer

A Handbook of Disappointed Fate

A Handbook of Disappointed Fate collects a decade of Anne Boyer's interrogative writing on poetry, death, love, lambs, and other impossible questions.

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This book is brilliant... The quality of writing, the shape of its thoughts, and the spaces of freedom it encourages in us as participants and co-conspirators. To read Anne Boyer is to join an underdog collectivity, "both always in this world and looking for another."

— JACE CLAYTON

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Having been placed on trial and held there, in the twin intensities of love of poetry and hatred of the world, Anne Boyer's essays meet disappointment with a succor forged in rage. Her writing is a balm and a bomb all its own.

— FRED MOTEN

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While this book is often at moments serious and profound in its indictments of the self promoting seriousness of the thing we call poetry, what I love most about it is the way it takes its whimsy so seriously.

— JULIANA SPAHR



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