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Manual of Woody Plants

ABOUT THE BOOK:

*Manual of Woody Plants* is a field guide to the workings of memory and perception within the creeping and ebbing of the natural world. The poems, each named for a type of North American flora, move with a light precision through the myriad intricacies and immensities that combine to form each human ecosystem—and explore how these systems blend from one person to the next.

ADVANCED PRAISE:

There is nothing short of an autobiographical atlas here, and again, these poems—well, fuck “poems” … these are monuments, in sweating, unwieldy, grizzled, crystalline miniature—are easily obliterating whatever else I’ve been pooping through the last couple of weeks.

—Brandon Shimoda

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Phil Cordelli is or has been a poet, editor, translator, filmmaker, painter, farmer, gardener, teacher, carpet cleaner, dishwasher, waiter, surveyor, Marine, marine biologist, courier, activist, and probably a few other things along the way. He is the author of *New Wave* (Blazevox e-book, 2008); *Book of Letters/Book of Numbers* (Agnes Fox, 2010); and is, along with Brandon Shimoda, The Pines.