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Missing Witness

Ulrike Almut Sandig’s poems bear witness to a time and place—the GDR—that no longer exists. Missing Witness, by turns plain-spoken and elliptical, depicts an elusive world that lies in the past but is all too present.

“ [...] Concocts small narratives of the imaginable, almost there, and ungraspable in hauntingly poised poems that meander along a lyrically confident and well versed path.

— Sophie Seita

“ Her poetry deals in the recognizably real: from the city or landscapes of the south to the minutiae of the everyday. But hers is also a voice tinged with nostalgia and a sensibility for landscape that harks back to models from the past, a compass needle finely tuned to an existential north that is overshadowed by absence and loss.

— Karen Leeder, Asymptote Journal

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