YUKO OTOMO

STUDY

ABOUT THE BOOK:
Writing with precision, wit, and humanity in her adopted language, Japanese-born New Yorker Yuko Otomo trains her attention on subjects from Giotto to Bruce Nauman, and from Ray Johnson to Louise Bourgeois, in this collection of poems on art, which serves also to document more than three decades lived in the city’s artistic communities.

ADVANCE PRAISE:
Brilliant and deceptively simple, this collection of poems spans three decades in the field of art and poetry. STUDY deserves a prized place on everyone’s bookshelf. —Brenda Coultas

Yuko Otomo’s study is a luminous book that affirms the reader’s citizenship in Original Art with such windfall generosity that it’s hard to go back to being a garden-variety poetry lover. Balance, humor between friends, skeptical commitment and range—her words here are as present as words written in steam on a window at night. —Julien Poirier

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