

METAPHYSICAL DICTIONARY

POEMS BY SVETLANA LILOVA

Svetlana Lilova's *Metaphysical Dictionary* is a collection of very short poems, framed as term and definition, alphabetically ordered. As individual poems, these are reductions, or Pound's piths and gists *in extremis*. But as they accumulate and fold back on themselves, elusive thoughts emerge and dissolve, transient origami.

Psychologically acute, suffused with feeling, with a personal narrative slipping between the lines, this book invites total immersion in the private language of its creator, and conveys (us to) the heart of a playful, enigmatic, whimsical, sometimes pained but always hopeful interior.

Profusely illustrated with 65 drawings by Graham Falk, whose charming cartoons, melancholy flowers, and effervescent still-lives perfectly echo the tonal variety of Lilova's words.

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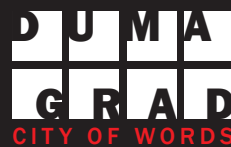
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About the artist

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