

Book Review

Raven's Exile:
A Season On the Green River

by Ellen Meloy

"Each summer, Meloy, a freelance writer, and her husband, a river ranger with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, raft Utah's Green River through the 84 mile long gorge at Desolation Canyon. In this scintillating account of one season on the river, she uses rich and sensuous language to convey the breathtaking beauty of the region - the play of color and light on steep canyon walls, the force of spring windstorms and the mystery of abandoned Indian granaries. Although Desolation Canyon is relatively unspoiled the threat of human meddling is ever present; Meloy considers ravens, wily birds whose absence from Desolation Canyon she has never been able to explain and which became a symbol of everything that is, and should remain, beyond human comprehension and control. This paean to the beauty of desert wilderness includes the author's drawings of ancient petroglyphs found on the canyon walls." Publishers Weekly.

Ellen Meloy is a writer, artist, and river ranger. She has contributed to Outside, Men's Journal, Travel and Leisure, Utne Reader, Harper's, and the anthology, Montana Spaces. She lives in Montana and Utah. This is her first book. Cost: \$22.50. For further information, contact Ruth Weiner at (212) 886-9271.

The Last Page and the Last Column
Poetry by Bessie Haley-Hyde

Impatient Waves

Sometimes:

Impatient waves

Break too far out.

And come to shore -- Unnoticed.

The Model

*The model sat mid cherub clothes
And thought about her many beaux
The party where she'd go that night
With cocktails, jazz and blazing light.*

*The artist stopped in deep despair
And almost tore his graying hair
How could he paint an angel's face
From a girl who thought of a dancing place?*

Fall Frost

The first fall frost
In shining silver
Comes at night.

And soon beguiles
The fluttering trees
With jewels.

At dawn ...
The barren ground
Is carpeted with brown,
Who can no longer whisper
Soft, low songs;
For they --
Are dead.

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