



Mean Free Path

By Ben Lerner

Copper Canyon Press. Paperback / softback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Mean Free Path, Ben Lerner, "Lerner [is] among the most promising young poets now writing." - "Publishers Weekly" "Sharp, ambitious, and impressive." - "Boston Review" National Book Award finalist Ben Lerner turns to science once again for his guiding metaphor. "Mean free path" is the average distance a particle travels before colliding with another particle. The poems in Lerner's third collection are full of layered collisions-repetitions, fragmentations, stutters, re-combinations-that track how language threatens to break up or change course under the emotional pressures of the utterance. And then there's the larger collision of love, and while Lerner questions whether love poems are even possible, he composes a gorgeous, symphonic, and complicated one. "You startled me. I thought you were sleeping In the traditional sense. I like looking At anything under glass, especially Glass. "You" called "me." Like overheard Dreams. I'm writing this one as a woman Comfortable with failure. I promise I will never But the predicate withered. If you are Uncomfortable seeing this as portraiture Close your eyes. No, "you" startled "Ben Lerner is the author of three books of poetry and was named a finalist for the National Book Award for his second book, "Angle of Yaw." He holds degrees from Brown...



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