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## Talking Vrouz

By Valerie Rouzeau

Arc Publications, United Kingdom, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 212 x 138 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Talking Vrouz is the second collection by the prize-winning French poet Valerie Rouzeau to be published by Arc, and it sees the return of her formidable poetic voice. Selected from Rouzeau s most recent collections, Quand Je Me Deux (2009) and Vrouz (2012), these poems present a language that is a hybrid of liberties and constraints - omissions, grammatical contractions, colloquialisms and archaisms, wordplay, puns, childspeak, exploded cliché and the heightened awareness of a poetic tradition - a language that Susan Wicks recreates in all its richness and quirkiness in her brilliant translation. No subject is taboo, and each is treated with a degree of humour that results in the reader looking at a familiar world from a new perspective. The tone and poetic procedures are sometimes reminiscent of Rimbaud, Apollinaire and Desnos, and the book has a seemingly casual innocence that foams with the odd splinter of glass. Rouzeau s first collection from Arc, Cold Spring in Winter, also translated by Susan Wicks, was short-listed for a number of prizes including the 2010 International Griffin Prize...



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