



## A Few Words Will Do

By Lionel Kearns

Talon Books, Canada. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, A Few Words Will Do, Lionel Kearns, These brief but concentrated pieces of literary work seem at first simple in their approach and straightforward in their intent: designed to be read easily and then to be carried away in our memories. As if they were ours. But when one person writes "this is what happened, this is what I remember, this is what I saw, this is what I know," any reader stands in for and thereby becomes the absent "I" or "eye" of that written text. The deconstruction of this inescapable process of language, metaphor, is what preoccupies Lionel Kearns in A Few Words Will Do. At first, the narrator seems caught up in the mystery of the unfathomably limitless depth of motherly love in the poem "Dorothy"; with the alchemical marriage of time and space in "Lines for Gerri" (and what are to become the recurrent phases "here to then" and "between now and there"); then he proceeds through naive realist scenes of family life and birth in "With My Daughter" and "Miracle" to find the ongoing wonder of his father's unfathomable actions (and the book's metanarrative) in "Composition." This...



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