



## A Woman Clothed in Words

Anne Szumigalski

*Collected, edited, and with an introduction by Mark Abley*

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**Collected for the first time, the most powerful writing, poetry and otherwise, created by Anne Szumigalski, Governor General's Award-winning poet from Saskatchewan.**

Anne Szumigalski, renowned for her breakout poetry collection *Woman Reading in Bath*, and her Governor General's Award winning collection *Voice*, was one of Canada's most prominent poets. With her published works, as well as with her teaching and magnanimous guidance, she did much to put prairie Canadian poetry on the map.

But Anne was more than a poet. She also wrote fiction, drama, literary non-fiction, and even a Prairie liturgy. This book is a treasure trove of the best of the many literary faces of Anne Szumigalski.

*From Mark Abley: "I don't mean this as a book for scholars. It's a book for people to read. I hope its contents will surprise and please you, and make you want to return to Anne Szumigalski's other writing, the lavish product of what Judith Krause once called "a tongue of heaven blessing all the vowels and consonants on earth." I offer these pages not in a spirit of apology but of celebration."*

**Anne Szumigalski** is the author of more than fifteen collections of poetry. Her collection *Voice* won the Governor-General's Award for poetry in 1995. In 1989 she was awarded the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, and received the Lifetime Award for Excellence in the Arts in 1990. Anne died in 1999.

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