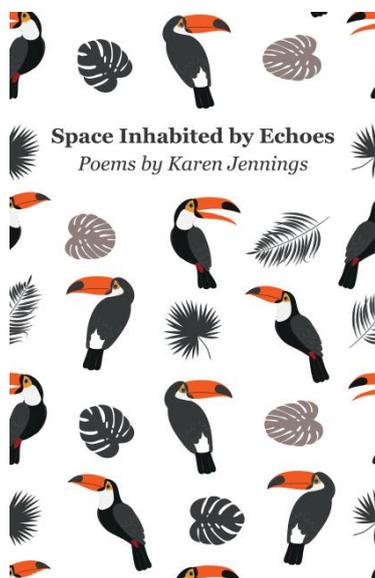


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By Karen Jennings

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Space Inhabited by Echoes is a frank and poignant collection of autobiographical poems that transport the reader across two continents, and the vast internal shifts that accompany love, loss and translocation.

It tracks the author's relationships, their tentative beginnings, the blooming and withering of love, the shifts between different emotional landscapes, and deals with the shocks and adjustments involved in emigrating from South Africa to Brazil in order to be with the person you love.

The collection shows the gradual shifts the author makes as she reaches out into her new environment, taking comfort and inspiration from the flora and fauna around her.

In the final poems Karen Jennings revisits family ties back in South Africa, as the author contemplates those who shaped her: her mother, grandfather, a ghost twin, and deals with the surprise of a newly discovered relative.

From the reviews

'Her poems display a virtuosity and depth that many poets only reach later in their careers.' – Kobus Moolman

'This is a breath-taking debut. With simplicity and control, Karen Jennings presents human emotions in all their messy glory: she writes with piercing clarity and honesty' – Helen Moffett

Karen Jennings

Karen Jennings was born in Cape Town in 1982. She has Master's degrees in both English Literature and Creative Writing from the University of Cape Town and a PhD in Creative Writing from the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Karen's work has been published in journals across the globe. In 2010 her short story *From Dark* won the Africa Region prize in the Commonwealth Short Story Competition. *Mia and the Shark* won the English section of the Maskew Miller Longman short story competition in 2009 and is now studied in schools.



Her debut novel *Finding Soutbek* was published by Holland Park Press in 2012, and was shortlisted for the inaugural Etisalat Prize for Literature 2013. Her short story collection *Away from the Dead* was published by Holland Park Press in 2014. *Travels with My Father*, an autobiographical novel, was published by Holland Park Press in 2016.

Karen was one of the featured authors in the South African *Sunday Times Lifestyle* magazine's *The Future Fiction Edition* to mark the 20th anniversary of South Africa's democracy.

Karen currently lives in Brazil.

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