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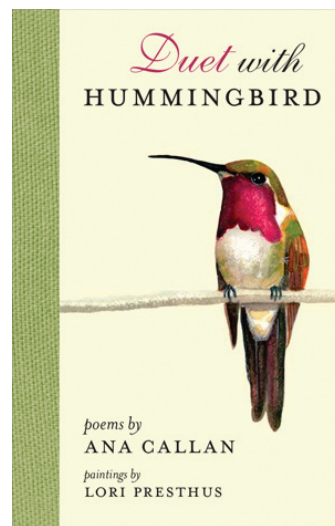
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### *How many people do you know who have died and lived to tell the tale?*

Portland, Ore. – A devastating accident involving a logging truck in 2000 inspired poet and published author Ana Callan to reevaluate the “*muddle of humanness. / Or the human mess / we call life.*” The result is *Duet with Hummingbird*, an anthology of poetry released by Three Muses Press in December 2008.

Inspired by the wildlife near her Willamette River home, Callan takes a close look at nature and the day-to-day, embracing the contemplative and the commonplace. Always thoughtful, at times funny, Callan writes:

*You should have seen me in the loo with a spool  
of toilet roll, whispering I love you, I love you.  
I wanted the whole world to be married.*



Callan’s delicate imagery is beautifully enhanced by watercolors of nature dispersed throughout the anthology, painted by local artist Lori Presthus. *Duet with Hummingbird* is perfect for those who celebrate the Pacific Northwest, nature, love, and life.

Callan was born in Dublin, Ireland, and now lives in Portland, Ore. Since achieving an MA in Poetry from Johns Hopkins University, Callan has been published internationally, including writing personal essays for the *Oregonian*. Her novel, *Taf*, was published by Cricket Books, and received accolades in such publications as *Publishers Weekly*. After the nearly fatal accident, Callan rededicated herself to poetry to strip bare all artifice, all excess, and focus uncompromisingly on the essential. This collection is the guidebook to that journey.

*Quoted poems: “Lazarus” and “Altar Peace”*

For more information about *Duet with Hummingbird*, Ana Callan, or Lori Presthus, visit [threemusespress.com](http://threemusespress.com)  
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### *Duet with Hummingbird*

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