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What Can Buddha Teach the Rain?: Twenty Poems to Han-Shan and Seventy Poems Ascribed to Him

By Lars Rasmussen

Serving House Books, United States, 2010. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 230 x 148 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The mythical Tang poet Han-shan, placed somewhere between the camps of Daoism and Zen Buddhism and the alleged author of some three hundred poems, probably remains a post-Tang literary invention - and a good one, it seems, since his poetry is being read, translated and re-translated to this very day. In the present volume, Lars Rasmussen, whose collection of short stories, Come Raw, was published by Serving House Books in 2009, takes up the 900-year old tradition of ascribing newly composed poetry to Han-shan and gives a refreshing guess at what kind of lines the mad hermit would have produced, had he ever been alive. As a further addition to the Han-shan literature, the book also contains a number of homages to the master plus a selection of haiku-like miniature poems and a number of proverbs ascribed to him.



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