



Pearl: A New Verse Translation (Hardback)

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WW Norton Co, United States, 2016. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 218 x 147 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Simon Armitage, the acclaimed poet who brought Sir Gawain and the Green Knight to vivid life in an energetic, free-flowing, high-spirited translation (New York Times Book Review), turns his attention to another beloved medieval English masterpiece, the soulful Pearl. Believed to have been penned by the same author who wrote Sir Gawain and housed in the same original fourteenth-century manuscript, Pearl is here reanimated with Armitage's characteristic flair in the alliterative music of the original text. Pearl describes a bereft father mourning the loss of his precious Perle. Returning to the garden where she first disappeared, he observes the verdant shades of late summer—a cruel reminder of the grief that shadows his every waking thought. Succumbing to the afternoon heat, he falls into a trancelike sleep and dreams of a radiant apparition that closely resembles his Pearl. Standing before him across an unfordable stretch of water, the maiden reassures her father that she has been granted a home in heaven alongside Christ. At first overjoyed, then incredulous at the maiden's exalted stature, the dreamer is ultimately convinced of...



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