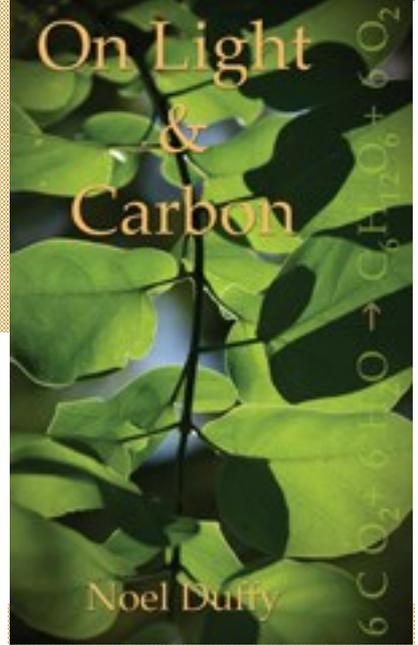




Advance Information

On Light & Carbon

By Noel Duffy



Noel Duffy's previous book, *In the Library of Lost Objects*, was shortlisted for the Strong Award for best debut collection by an Irish author. *On Light & Carbon* further develops and deepens Duffy's exploration of the relationship between poetry and science, with work that strives to make unexpected connections between the intimate human dramas of everyday life and the grand backdrop and insights that science provides. Yet the title of this collection holds a double resonance, examining not just the physics of light and life, but also the metaphysical meanings that such ideas hold, in poems that engage and excite as well as move.

Critical Praise for *In the Library of Lost Objects*

'Duffy understands poetry, it's his tradition; he obviously loves it and has a curatorial urge to see it thrive... He exhibits only the good stuff, the best work, there's no small talk, no gimmicks, nothing insincere, he just gets down to the heart of things and gives us poems that matter.'

Poetry Ireland Review

'In this collection, the poet's scientific background is brought to bear on his poetry as interesting connections are made in a universe where the legacies of the past pervade the present... This collection isn't only about lost objects, but also about lost feelings and human frailty in the face of constant change.'

Poetry Book Society

'A striking feature is the author's fascination with (and enthusiasm for) the sciences... and he doesn't shy away from mining such rich and rare vocabularies to good effect, following in the illustrious footsteps of other scientist-poets: immunologist Miroslav Holub; biochemist Jean Bleakney; polymath Mario Petrucci and fellow-physicist Iggy McGovern.'

Orbis

'Noel Duffy's choice of title for his debut collection is a good early omen. It neatly and precisely draws together the book's deepest concerns... Duffy's work is rooted in a deep study of his medium and the poems in *In the Library of Lost Objects* work in concert in a way very few books achieve.'

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Noel Duffy: *In the Library of Lost Objects* (poetry), *The Return Journey & Our Friends Electric* (novellas)
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