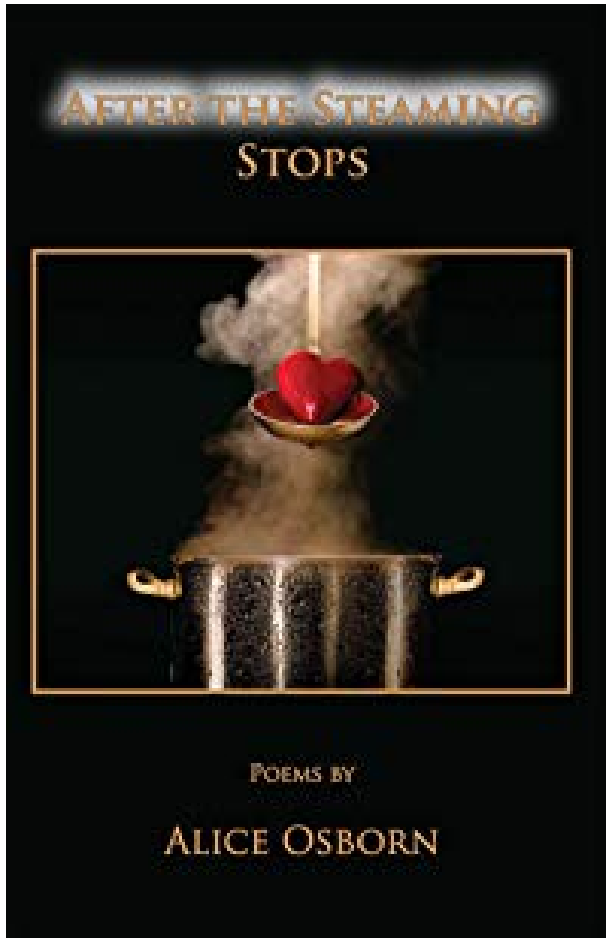


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From snakes to movie stars to childhood memories of parents, lesbian neighbors and more, Alice Osborn's book of poetry persistently captures a certain wonder and bewilderment of the existing child inside us all. Some poems end with powerful lines and insight such as regarding her mother's emotional distance and disdain, or give a declaration about her father's beer drinking and unorthodox behavior. This is a book crammed with images, explicit descriptions, characters and emotions. Nothing goes unnoticed. Osborn's eye, and what it falls upon, is her enduring story, leavened with unflinching candor. These poems are wonderfully narrative, and cannily crafted, luring the reader in with their easy inviting gait. In these poignant poems, Alice Osborn hauntingly and painfully updates and expands the use of domestic imagery as an expression of that narrow dream's tyranny, adding to it the expectations and regimentation inherited from a successful military grandfather, and the inevitable insufficiency of everything else.