



## How Ghosts Travel (Paperback)

By James J Siegel

Spuyten Duyvil Publishing, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.This collection seems to have been written with vapor—the unseen made visible through James Siegel's intuitive eye. The poems also form an elegy of place, Ohio. Personal phantoms populate this physical and metaphysical locus. Haunted by history and its ruins, the poet deciphers [t]hat fur-covered / folklore crawling out from under the skin. Recasting stanzas into incantations, Siegel conjures memories that brush the sides of your face, / rest in the tangles of your hair. Finally, ghosts become the Holy Ghost, with a congregation of wings, with the rattle of the rosary. Angelic presences reify the ineffable. And from that perspective, the poet shows the reader how the vault of the stars unlocks. Dean Kostos, author of *This Is Not a Skyscraper* and *Rivering* How Ghosts Travel is James Siegel's beautifully-atmospheric explication of his past, which here is ever-present. His voice, though casual and colloquial at times, is always tuned to the lyrical as he resurrects his childhood and young adulthood in industrial and small-town Ohio in poems scarred with heartbreak and loss. But what is perhaps most impressive about this...



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