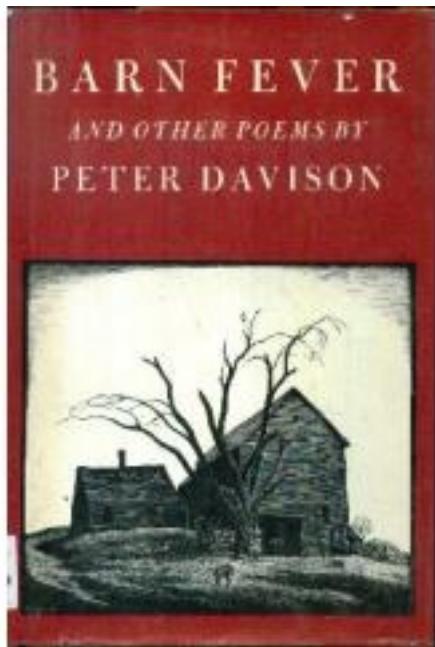


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This is Peter Davison's sixth book of poems, and in this substantial, artfully arranged collection his poems take on a new edge and a new range: the poems speak darkly but with humor, out of the mystery but not hermetic or obscure.

Barn Fever pursues some of the obsessions of its author's earlier books, among them the question of how we are to take life's gifts --the gifts of nature, of talent, of fortune, of good or bad health, of death. Part One, "Pastures and Meadows," contains a number of poems, including the title piece, all concerned with nature's gifts, what the Bible calls "the kindly fruits of the earth," barns and livestock and wild animals and weather. Part Two, "The Sound of Wings," lifts the eyes somewhere beyond the earth; these poems, including the long poem "Atmospheres," take up questions of change and the changeless and end by wondering about "all those who learned the secret/ that the seed must be buried to live, / loosening into vapor,/tightening into snowflake."

Part Three, "Men Working," contains sardonic poems about the marketplace and the roles we are bribed to take in it. Part Four, "Mixed Blessings," turns to the exaltations and darkness of modern marriage, modern love. ~

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