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**nyq books™ announces the publication of *homefront*
 by ellen 'windy' lytle**



november 15, 2013 - new york, ny - nyq books™ is proud to announce the release of *homefront: new and selected poems* by ellen 'windy' lytle- the poems in this collection are uniquely about everyday life: getting up in the morning, sitting in the kitchen with pets, buying buttons and meeting a salesman, politics, polio, christmas, about time lost, love and beautiful children- the author, growing up in family with polio, living through 2 divorces and the sudden death of a husband, weaves us a story of a single mom brought 'home' through curiosity and the observation of the quirkiness of life anywhere around her: in queens, long island, switzerland, vermont and new york city—that same quirkiness we all share- these poems will resonate with us all-

"tough, complicated subjects without pretense or pose. gentle, tender, her's is not a complicated formula but it is almost impossibly difficult to maintain- i have been reading ellen lytle for years and have come to expect from her poems a kind of nourishment. she is pushing toward something, heart-breaking, something that can nourish our haunted and wretched lives-" —ron price

"mysterious in origin and sturdy, too, the poems of ellen aug lytle appear like undaunted flowers poking through cracks in the sidewalk- the surreal converses with the mundane in each. never forced, never miserly, the poems offer her wisdom casually and then gracefully exit the page. a reader is left with the impression of a friendly, familiar visit and it is just this carefree give and take that is her

sensibility—her intrinsic subtlety-" —susan scutti

"ok, new yorkers, ok, world! finally, and at last! ellen lytle has unleashed the full dynamo of her decades in the poetry salt mines- i could never have thought of death is the soggy toast, nor could you- but she did- now you can read her, and eat death, if you dare! —bob holman

"ellen aug lytle's poems give a very different meaning to frank o'hara's phrase: personal poetry—but definitely valid in her own original way-" —tom savage

"lytle's poems are a poignant portrait of contemporary american life with all its joy and heartbreak-" —susan sherman

ellen (aug) 'windy' lytle was raised in flushing, queens, and on long island in a 'God fearing', Polio challenged, family- she eloped, quit school at sixteen, had two children by 18 and a third child five years later- she has been published in many books, reviews, journals as well as on-line- lytle was a newspaper editor and a downtown arts reporter from 1989-1994, even a fashion model for five minutes- she currently teaches creative writing at bronx community college and public libraries on staten island- she lives in nyc w/musician mike lytle, her dog, goode, and cat, chance

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