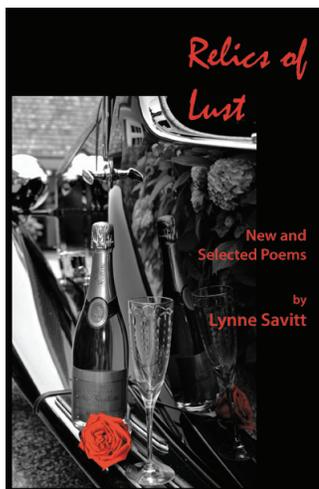


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NYQ Books™ Announces the Publication of *Relics of Lust: New and Selected Poems* by Lynne Savitt



February 14, 2014 - New York, NY - NYQ Books™ is proud to announce the release of *Relics of Lust: New and Selected Poems*. From the early seventies when her first published poem appeared in *Playgirl* magazine, Lynne Savitt's explicit exploration of a woman's sexuality has always been primary in her work. Her poetry has been described as "...ironic, sexual, cruel, angry but useful, loving and always engaging..." A baby boomer, who took an unconventional path, her poems follow her life as a struggling single parent & active, independent woman. Through her autobiographical work in this new collection, we can follow her from her own childhood to being a grandparent with her lusty, honest poems to carry us along. Themes of loss, love and the struggle to survive pepper the poems. Her journey continues as a veteran of the sexual revolution. Her examination of eroticism, at any age, carries on as Savitt allows us to enter her juicy world.

"Savitt is the queen of sensual poetry, with a sense of humor second to none. Reading her poetry is like dining at a gourmet restaurant with a wide selection of decadent desserts. However, her poetry goes much further than the flesh. I have been moved to tears by poems she has written about family, lost lovers and friends. In the end these are poems that leave the reader feeling like he's in the warm embrace of a lover who knows and shares his deepest desires." —A.D. Winans

"Lynne Savitt writes poems that make one feel warm like an egret in the snow wearing ermine. Like the Muse and Morpheus having an affair. Her trippy fingers take one back to the innocence of the Greek Islanders or the wanton smoky lust of a juke joint."
—Charles Plymell

"Savitt never fails to surprise me with a turn of phrase, like a fast ride in an elevator when it causes a thrust to the gut. There's no subject that is taboo. I like honesty and imagination. Savitt makes them both work." —Ann Menebroker

Lynne Savitt studied with Diane Wakoski in the early seventies and subsequently taught writing workshops at various colleges, community centers and prisons. Her first poem was published in *Playgirl* magazine in 1974. Over the years her poems have appeared in dozens of literary magazines, including *13th Moon*, *Second Coming*, *Home Planet News*, & *Poetry Now*. She has been a featured poet online from *Desolation Angels* and *Rusty Truck*. She was the recipient of the Madeline Sadin Poetry Award from the *New York Quarterly*. She co-founded and edited *Gravida* and co-edited *Caprice* and was also a contributing editor to *Redstart* and *StonyHills*. Savitt has twelve published poetry collections. Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1947, she is a single parent of two children and grandmother of seven. She resides on eastern Long Island.

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