

Rare Space, Blurbs

Using a hard diction and sawed-off lines, Leslie Anne Mcilroy explores a smoky after-hours drama of longing and failure, lust and courage. Her tough style is almost successful at hiding the love that drives these strong poems. — **Billy Collins**

Leslie Anne Mcilroy's *Rare Space* is a stunning collection of poems, daring, taut, sexually alive, and politically astute. A myriad of familiar themes becomes incandescent under her unflinching gaze. We're invited to look closely at family, sex, race, physical disability, psychic pain and what it is to be a young American woman at the beginning of a new century facing down old ills like racism, classism, and misogyny armed with little more than a laptop and an indomitable will. *Rare Space* is a new American poetry at its absolute best. — **Sapphire**