# Martina Reisz Newberry



Poet ~ Novelist ~ Sophist ~ Student



Introducing Martina Reisz Newberry's most recent book, 100 SELECT POEMS plus One, presented by Inner Child Press, www.innerchildpress.com

The selected poems in this book are a compilation of work from seven of her previous collections. This book exemplifies Newberry's passion for poetry, her love of the American language, and her fierce dedication to a poetic empathy with the human condition.

Newberry says of her own work:

My words call to men and women to dance out their lives, not drag through them; sing out their anger and lust and sensuality, not hide these things under lady-like, lowered eyelids. My poems call to all individuals to see more, see further, be more ... and sing she does with the voice of a poet who has been transformed by living her life full on; sometimes afraid, sometimes confident, always willing to laugh at herself and cry for others.

Admirers of Martina Newberry's poems know that her voice is one which is, in turn, ironic, tender, angry, humorous. She has a profound poetic sense which surprises and delights her readers.

Others say of Ms. Newberry's poems that she ... embodies a compelling storytelling style reminiscent of Robert Frost, the enigmatic brilliance of Emily Dickinson and the working class insights of the great singer-poet John Prine. (Saul Landau)

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...a voice [which] resonates with the hidden stories of suburban America—the shadows and silences, the violence of love and its aftermath... (Jennifer Olds)

#### and

She observes a world familiar to us, not a strangeling world sprung from someone's head... this tone, this profane interiority, is like watching and listening to an attractive young woman walking on a crowded street talking to herself... Newberry is a ruthless rearranger of the furniture of the heart. You never know what damned thing she's going to do or say, a dangerous friend for being so trustworthy. (Djelloul Marbrook)

Ms. Newberry is the winner of *i.e. magazine*'s Editor's Choice Poetry Chapbook Prize for 1998: **AN AP-PARENT, APPROACHABLE LIGHT.** 

She is the also the author of **LIMA BEANS AND CITY CHICKEN: MEMORIES OF THE OPEN HEARTH—**a memoir of her father—published by E.P. Dutton and Co. in 1989.

Newberry has been working on two novels—one, a fantasy, the other a murder mystery. She been included in *Ascent Aspirations* first hard-copy Anthology and has been widely published in literary magazines in the US and abroad.

Martina Reisz Newberry lives in Palm Springs, California with her husband Brian and their benevolent dictator/cat, Gato.

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### Martina says...



I have been writing since I was a child—an "only" child.

In a time before computers and, even before we had a television in the house, reading and writing were my companions. They still are. These last four decades of my writing life have chronicled what I see in the world, in the family of humanity, and in myself.

These 100 + 1 poems are my way of saying "Thank You" to teachers, lovers, friends, acquaintances, and my readers whose faith in the power of poems and in me continue to stiffen my backbone and move my pen.

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### Celebration

The morning's birthday rang through us like a gong. Outside, no one believed there was such a thing as mortality

and there was a perpetual grin on the windshields of the cars down in the street. Someone may have been

dreaming us, but we hoped they would not wake up; our happiness was that feral. We were safe and slipped into

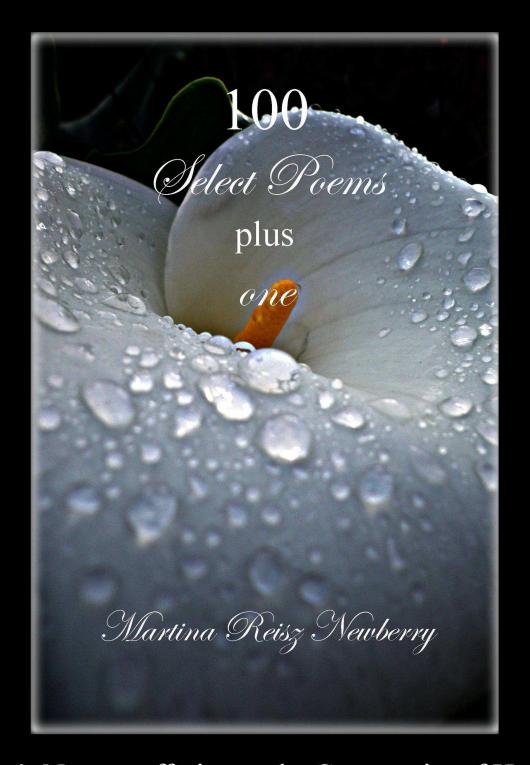
the day on the remnants of last night's moon. Over glasses of tea, we read each other's palms to see where we were

going, but we could see only that there is more than one truth in this world. The morning's birthday showed us where to

how to begin the celebration, where to put our things and where to go out so that others could come in and find ease.



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### Martina Reisz Newberry

Reading & Book Signings

Date

Saturday, January 14, 2012

Time

7:00 pm Pacific



Valley Contemporary Poets Presents

### Martina Reisz Newberry

Reading & Book Signings

**Date** 

Sunday, January 22, 2012

<u>Time</u>

3 PM Pacific

**Place** 

Tarzana Community and Cultural Center 19130 Ventura Blvd. Tarzana, CA 91356



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