

Of Memory and Furniture

by **BRON BATEMAN**

KEYNOTE: A contemporary collection of women-focused poetry that explores expressions of female embodiment and sexuality, LGBTIQ+ experiences, maternal subjectivity, mental health and abuse.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Of Memory and Furniture is described by Julienne van Loon as ‘a deeply feminist project’, and by David Brooks as ‘bold, explicit and unapologetic’. This collection in four parts explores experiences of female embodiment, sexuality, and relationships with family, lovers and institutions. It is concerned with expressions of female sexuality in its myriad forms – heterosexual, lesbian, and experiences of non-normative sexuality – as well as issues of maternal subjectivity, mental health and abuse and, throughout, the role of memory in enabling healing. The poems are at once erotic and deeply thought through, intelligent and tender.

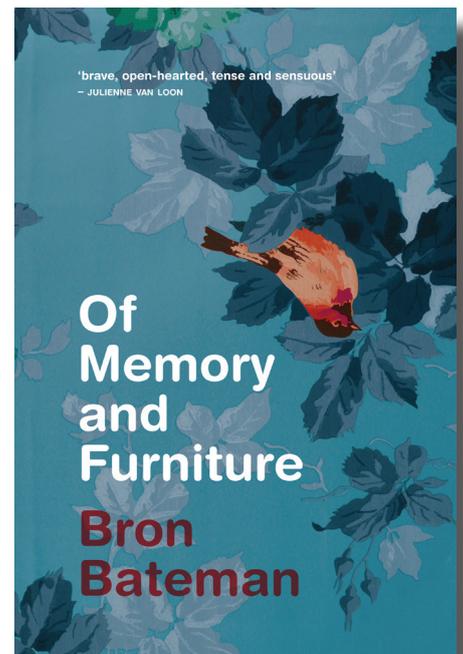
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Bron Bateman is a poet, academic and mother of nine. She is a lecturer, unit coordinator and tutor in the enabling program ‘OnTrack’ at Murdoch University. Her research interests include cultural studies, creative writing, feminism, the body, and Gothic and gender theory. Her first poetry collection, *People from Bones* (with Kelly Pilgrim) was published in 2002. She has had her work published in collections and journals in Australia, the UK and the US.



NOTES

- *Of Memory and Furniture* was written as part of Bron’s PhD in Cultural Studies and Creative Writing, which she completed at Curtin University in 2012.
- Bron has performed her work at conferences, festivals and readings locally, nationally and internationally, including Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Voicebox (Fremantle) and the Perth Poetry Club.
- She was awarded the Bobbie Cullen Memorial Prize for Creative Writing in 2004 and in 2017 she won Columbia University’s Winter Contest for Poetry for her poem ‘The Lemon Picker’.



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