



## Upgraded to Serious (Hardback)

By Heather McHugh

Copper Canyon Press, 2009. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Carol Muske-Dukes calls McHugh, with her comic-book moxie and her linguistic virtuosity, a kind of Superwoman of poetry. The poems focus on what is within eyeshot, or visible, but their true subject is their author's mortal acuity. --Los Angeles Times McHugh's eighth book finds this acclaimed poet as odd and entertaining as ever, with her trademark slippery associative lines and jagged stanzas, but also subtly sobered by growing older while living through the grim political climate of the last eight years. McHugh's short, jerky lines, odd rhymes, bemused gravity and slant perspective on the world at hand bring Emily Dickinson to mind. McHugh remains one of our most important and unusual poets. -- Publishers Weekly (Starred Review) Offering an idiosyncratic sense of sacredness, the book makes the earnest and the tongue-in-cheek almost indistinguishable. Writing in her signature relaxed iambic line, McHugh flips and winds the language of American common wisdom. In *Upgraded to Serious*, we encounter a poet who is listening assiduously. Her attention to language is visible in each poem's marked use of rhyme. The sustained outpouring of alliteration gives the sense that McHugh will...



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