



COMPASS LIGHT

HILARY DAVIES

- From the pen of a critically acclaimed and prolific poet, former Chair of the Poetry Society.
- Planned to coincide with events and signings.
- Publicity expected; poet has attracted positive reviews in various publications.
- A haunting collection that follows the success of the poet's previous works, considering landscapes and the profound.

In *Compass Light* we cross landscapes, unravelling time, discovering how change and journeys become a celebration of a life. Poems move through the points of the compass and across sacred sites, exploring the many different ways in which we live in time and space, and considering how our experience of time is fundamental to meaning in human life.

We are carried along through years spent in Greece, observing the markets, the ancient rhythms of village life, the sudden appearance of the gods in a violent countryside, the cycles of love, death and the earth. With a flick of the compass we find ourselves gazing across the seascapes and night skies of Cornwall and west Wales, then hurtling along on the Underground and through the East End of London.

Beautifully crafted and wildly evocative, *Compass Light* is a wide-ranging collection that illuminates the dazzling richness of how we perceive time, and how it makes us who and what we are.

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