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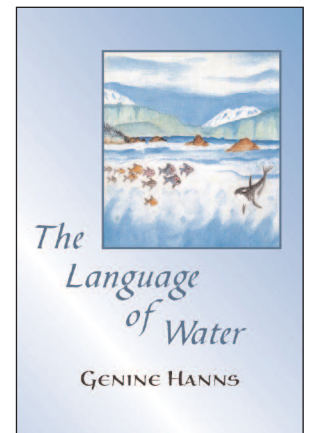
# *The Language of Water*

*An ancient Chinese Proverb suggests that, "Women are made of water."*

The emotional content of their tears are laden with salt like the sea, pouring forth in happiness and sorrow in the female experience of living. In *The Language of Water*, Genine Hanns explores women's relationships with self, others and the world through myth, love, language, poetry and its forms, song and dance, freedom and captivity, creatures of the sea, land and sky, parents, marriage, issues of childbirth, divorce, isolation, celebration, and aging. The poet dips her pen in the deep waters of female creativity and gives voice to a siren's aria and mermaid's lament.



Genine Hanns was born in Vancouver, BC and grew up on Vancouver Island with a great love for nature and the beauty of the west coast. An accomplished acrylic artist, she paints landscapes, animals, butterflies and birds. She is a writing graduate of the University of Victoria and has published several chapbooks as well as poems in various anthologies and magazines. *The Language of Water* is her first book of poetry.



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