

Quarantine BookClub

Book #11 Notable American Women by Ben Marcus

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*Use Your Words*

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This author created a world in which everybody is against him. He is alone and angry. Obsessed with speech and how it is used. Empowered by pain. Lost within himself. In a world where isolation is self assigned, madness is nearby, and the rules are easy: Put up walls, dig holes; guard reactions, sideways glances; perpetual frown, furrow brows. He never thought to use words for kindness. Now it's too late for him.

Titles of diptychs:

1. Pleasure / Pain, and Confusion
2. How Words Enter the Body / How to Create the Weather
3. Empty / Listener
4. Shapes of Speech / Speak Careful Sentences
5. Silentist / Shushed