

Slender Volumes

POEMS BY Richard von Sturmer

A profound recovery of what it means to be intimate with our surroundings.

Slender Volumes locates the cypress trees of Buddhist folklore in Onehunga and the teachings of the Zen tradition along its foreshore.

Elaborating on kōans collected by poet-philosopher Eihei Dōgen, each poem fastens centuries and distances together to find insight in everyday things: seagulls on a handrail, insects drinking from a pan of water, sump oil glistening in a white bucket.

Clear-sighted and compassionate, *Slender Volumes* recovers what it means to be intimate with our surroundings and to meet the particulars of our world with perfect curiosity.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

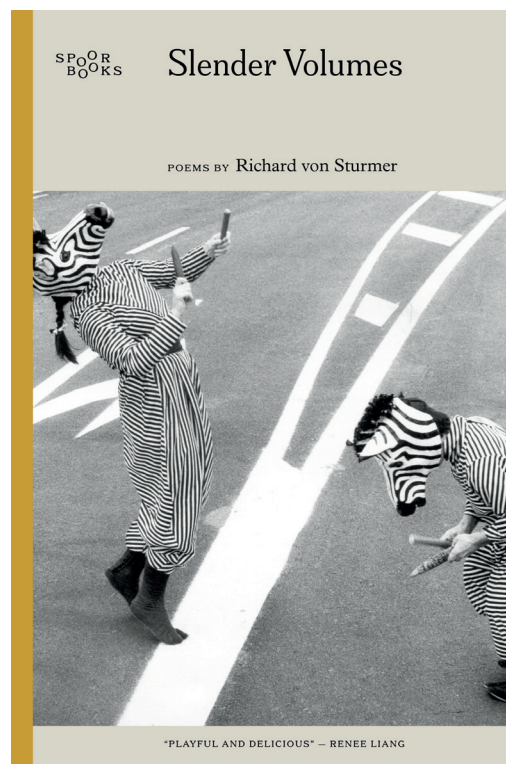


Richard von Sturmer is a writer, performer and filmmaker who is well known for having written the lyrics to Blam Blam Blam's "There is No Depression in New Zealand." He is a teacher of Zen Buddhism and the co-founder of the Auckland Zen Centre. *Slender Volumes* is his tenth collection of writings.

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- Richard von Sturmer is an artist-activist turned Zen teacher, and his intriguing life story animates the book
- *Slender Volumes* is an accessible collection of prose poems that playfully disrupt current trends in mindfulness and ecopoetry
- Praise from respected writers Anne Kennedy, Renee Liang and Martin Edmond affirms that *Slender Volumes* is von Sturmer's most exciting work
- Spoor Books is a new independent publisher that aims to place Aotearoa into dialogue with non-dominant traditions and non-Western cultures



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