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"*When Last on the Mountain* is an open look at the many and astonishing ways our bodies bear both curses and blessing and is a testament to our abiding need to address in language and image the body's sure and swift betrayals. From a vantage point of life after fifty, with grace and humor these writers peer soberly at the future while maintaining their gaze on the past."—Gina Ochsner, author of *The Russian Dreambook of Color and Flight*

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"Who better to bear witness to the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune than writers over 50? The voices of experience collected by Lettmann and Roan are generous in their honest specificity. Prospective readers can be assured of a good and meaningful time with these stories, essays and poems."—Sam Hodges, reporter for *The Dallas Morning News* and author of *B-Four*

"*When Last on the Mountain* is a book full of treasures. From these writers comes work of substance, surprise, and death-defying candor. To read these pieces is to be inside an art that sifts through comedy, irony, and hard facts to offer the intensely interesting (yes) exhilarations of the long view."—Joan Silber, author of *Ideas of Heaven: A Ring of Stories* and *The Size of the World*

"One day I will write my last downhill run, not on snow, but on paper. Not today. No. I dance, stop, dance, stop, dance, dance, dance down the mountain."—Kaye Bache-Snyder

What sets these writers apart? Until we reach fifty, how we live and write is colored by our futures: those we expect to have and those we imagine. The perspective of the over-fifty writer takes on the hues of both past and future, tinted by memories of first loves, stained by memories of war and loss, and made more poignant by the knowledge that this spring's blooms or this morning's cup of coffee with a beloved husband may be the last and must be savored fully.

These essays, stories, and poems were chosen from more than two thousand submissions of previously unpublished work. Some of the contributors—a poet laureate, a Pulitzer Prize nominee, a former foreign correspondent—have long literary histories; others—a social worker, a civil service employee, a clergywoman—began to write later in life. All of them were inspired by a call that asked for fresh and honest writing from the fullness of their lives.

Vicky Lettmann, who writes fiction, essays, and poetry, served as an editor for the literary/arts magazines *Speakeasy* (the Loft Literary Center) and *Under Construction* (North Hennepin Community College). She received an MFA in fiction writing from Warren Wilson College. Her work has appeared in *Twenty-Six Minnesota Writers* (Nodin Press) and in *Beloved on the Earth: 150 Poems of Grief and Gratitude* (Holy Cow! Press).

Carol Roan teaches voice and stage presence in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She is the author of *Clues* to American Dance (Starrhill Press) and Speak Easy: A Guide to Successful Performances, Presentations, Speeches, and Lectures (Starrhill Press), and she writes a column on the "art of performance" for an online 'zine. She won a fellowship to Summer Literary Seminars, Russia, in 2006.

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