

THE BOOK OF LOVE

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649081370

The Book of Love by Elsa Barker

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

ELSA BARKER

**THE BOOK
OF LOVE**

THE BOOK OF LOVE

THE BOOK OF LOVE

BY

ELSA BARKER

*Author of "The Frozen Grail and Other Poems,"
"The Son of Mary Bethel"*



Book of
Love

NEW YORK
DUFFIELD & COMPANY

1912

COPYRIGHT, 1919
BY DUFFIELD AND COMPANY

TO VISIT
ABSORBIA

CONTENTS

WHEN I AM DEAD AND SISTER TO THE DUST

I. THE GARDEN OF ROSE AND RUE.

A QUATRAIN SEQUENCE

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1. The Rose | 1 |
| 2. The Rue | 8 |

II. LYRICS AND SONNETS

	PAGE
The Bride of the Overman	21
I Know	22
The Messenger	22
Out of the Past	25
Mate	27
The Symbol	27
A Maiden	28
A Year Ago	29
Haunted	29
Song of Krishna	30
You	31
The Verge	32
Sometime	33
He Who Knows Love	34
Love's Paradox	34
In a Woman's Eyes	35
The Wisdom of the Rose	36
A Hidden Chord	37
The Parting Guest	37

366672

	PAGE
Petit Amour	38
The Spectre	38
Sisterhood	39
The Beggar	39
L'Académiste	40
The Staff	40
At Midnight	41
Love's Fear	41
Requiescat in Pace	42
Love's Tragedy and Comedy	42
Without the Temple	43
When Love Cometh Not	43
Even as You and I	44
The Murderer	44
Rose of Shiraz	45
The Song of the Wandering Woman	45
Many Advisers	46
In the Dawnlight	46
Twin-Souls	48
The Bungler	50
Spring-Song of the Minstrel	50
The Love of Woman	51
The Slumberer	52
The Violin	52
By the Sea	54
Good-Bye	55
In the Soul's House	56
The Coming of Love	57
Song of the Mortal Sun-Bride	58
Under the Stars	60
The Man-Child	61
Sapphics	62
Outside	63
An Epistle	63
The Angel	66
To the Unknown Love	68

	PAGE
The Lonely Quest	69
Salutation to the Lord of Love	70
The Way	72
III. AZELON.	
Azelon	75
Far Away	76
In May	77
Pervasion	77
Shadow-Love	78
Old Songs	79
Love-Glance	79
The Substance and the Shadow	80
The Beckoner	81
The Gate	81
The Secret Jewels	82
When We are Old	83
Sic Transit Gloria Mundi	83
Passion Seeds	84
The Stillborn	87
The Intervener	89
IV. THE HUMAN MIRROR. A RHAPSODY . 93	
V. THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE. A SONNET	
SEQUENCE.	
The Guerdon of Desire	117
The Mystic Hill	117
The Bridegroom	118
The Mystic Messenger	119
Out of the Maze	119
Recognition	120
The Spell	121
Alter Ego	121
The Horoscope	122
The Dream	123
The Avowal	123

	PAGE
Consummation	124
Love's Fearlessness	125
The Winds of Fate	125
The Moon Path	126
The Fog	127
The Gift of Pain	127
The Theft	128
The Questioner	129
The Answer	129
Love Madness	130
The Voyage	131
The Moment	131
Love's Hour of Silence	132
Plenitude	133
The Inscription	133
Consecrated	134
Duality	135
The Miracle	135
In Love's Eyes	136
The Thrush	137
A Vision	137
The Mystic Rose	138
Indirection	139
Aurora Borealis	139
The Body	140
Asleep	141
The Indwelling Mystery	141
At the Summit	142
The Guest	143
The Watcher	143
In the Dawn Chamber	144
Why	145
The Gentle One	145
Caresses	146
Fulfilment	147
The Storm-Lord	147