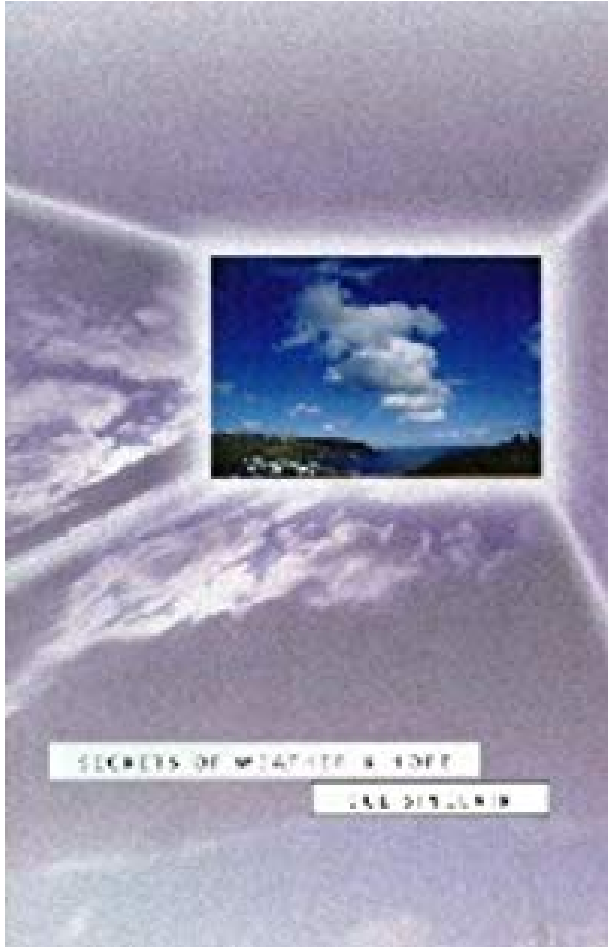


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Cumulus These are the carriers. Their large, mild bodies make us think of domesticity, of milk. Mammalian they hold the rain in their bellies, a generous temperament. They too are susceptible to time, but more graceful than us. Unafraid, they will let go when they must. They breathe more deeply and know something of sadness. Their bodies are sympathetic. Rain is what they know best and least. Sue Sinclair's poems speak from that precise place where our perception of the world and our capacity for language meet and embrace, where our sense of experience goes to get sharpened and refreshed. That experience might involve the inner lives of clouds, the flourishing and passing of a tulip, the evocative scent of wolf willow, or the intricate arts of Bach and Virginia Woolf. These poems are deft, musical, and quick in the moment, alive to the sensuous surface and the meditative depth, their antennae fully extended.