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“Andrea Blythe’s collection of the retold (and often feminist) Brothers Grimm fairytale, ‘The Twelve Dancing Princesses,’ is a breath of air at the bottom of the ocean. It’s not only fresh, but it’s so different and unique that it deserves multiple reads. One of my favorite lines in the book is also something we should all ask ourselves, ‘Do you mean it?’”

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“Harkening back to when Grimm's tales were less fairy, more formidable, Andrea Blythe offers a rhythmic, alliterative retelling of traditional stories that reveal a stark imbalance between genders. An engaging and eerie tribute to the young girls and women who read, dance, and keep things clean, *Twelve* does exactly what her storyteller suggests of her characters: it ‘see[s] the truth beneath the pretty surface.’”

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“The prose poems of *Twelve* shimmer like precious stones, each reflecting the original fairy tale in strange, beautiful, and unsettling ways-- and when set together, they become a mosaic of womanhood in all its forms.”

—Cassandra Rose Clarke, Rhysling Award-winning author of *Sacred Summer*

About the Author:

Andrea Blythe bides her time waiting for the apocalypse by writing speculative poetry and fiction. She is the author of *Your Molten Heart / A Seed to Hatch* (2018) a collection of erasure poems created from the pages of *Trader Joe’s Fearless Flyers*, and coauthor of *Every Girl Becomes the Wolf* (*Finishing Line Press*, 2018), a collaborative chapbook written with Laura Madeline Wiseman. She is a cohost of the *New Books in Poetry* podcast and is a member of the *Science Fiction and Fantasy Poetry Association* and the *Horror Writers Association*. Find her on Twitter @AndreaBlythe or at www.andreablythe.com.



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