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THE CATFISH
ARE
IN BLOOM:
Requiem for John Fahey



ED FRANKEL

Ed Frankel's *When The Catfish Are In Bloom: Requiem for John Fahey* must become an American classic. All the elements of respect, remembrance, and regret mingle here. Fahey, the musician and his music, regains his stature in the hands of a poet who shows himself to be a master of music and story. What a wonderful debut collection, and what a sign of promise for more exquisite poetry to come.

— Eloise Klein Healy

You don't have to know who John Fahey was or have heard his music to be carried away by the music and humanity of these beautiful poems. Fahey's was a life of lilt and heartbreak and Frankel, a musician himself, renders that life with as fine a touch as I've seen in a long time.

— Mike Rose, author of *Lives On The Boundary*, *Possible Lives* and *The Mind At Work*

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