

Lesléa Newman is proud to announce
the publication of her newest poetry collection,

Lovely

to be published by Headmistress Press, January 2, 2018
108 pages \$15.00

Lovely is an eclectic poetry collection that takes the reader on a journey as the speaker of the poems travels from childhood through young adulthood, to finally become a “woman of a certain age” who has gained insight and wisdom along the way. Many subjects are touched upon including loss of innocence, mother/daughter relationships, aging, self-acceptance, grief, the sharp pain of violence against women and the LGBTQIA community, and the deep pleasure of long-term love. Written with Lesléa Newman’s signature passion and wit, these well-crafted and accessible poems are full of startling, poignant, and powerful imagery and will stay with the reader for a long time to come.

To honor victims of anti-LGBTQIA violence, Lesléa Newman will donate \$1.00 to the Matthew Shepard Foundation for each book ordered directly through her between October 1, 2017 and June 1, 2018.

(Please note that pre-ordered books will be mailed in January 2018)

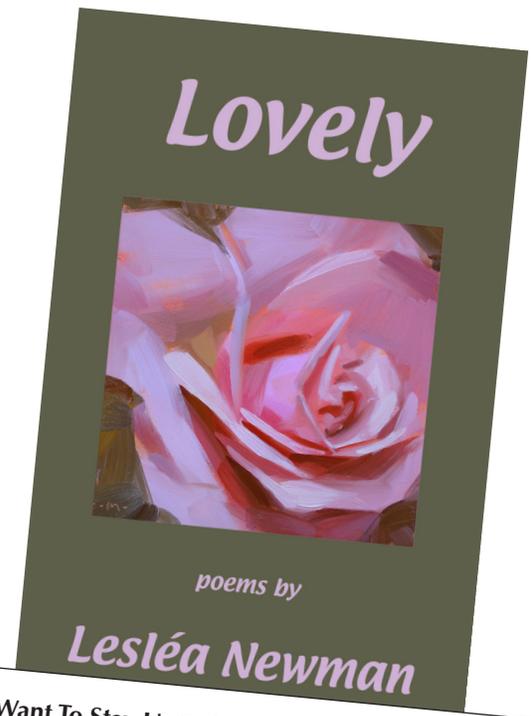


“Wise, sharp, sometimes rueful, often witty, always self-aware, Lesléa Newman’s *Lovely* ranges across the landscape of human experience, reflecting on the moral complexity of childhood, the many phases of Newman’s relationship with her mother, growing up and growing old, and the lifelong weave of sex and love. *Lovely* offers a kaleidoscope variety of forms, including ghazals, villanelles, and playful forms of Newman’s own invention, such as ‘My Mother’s Stories,’ a marvelous portrait composed almost entirely out of soap opera titles.”

–Joy Ladin,
author of *Fireworks in the Graveyard*

“*Lovely* is an adventure and a romp, a slide through loves, a trip back in time, a reflection of earlier days. There are poems where Newman allows us to hear her mother’s voice, her admonitions, the Brooklyn accent, the cadences, the oft-repeated clichés, in a playful way. In the final section, we find an unleashed exuberance, a celebration of same-sex marriage, an all-abiding adoration for a life partner, and also, throughout, an over-arching love for life, for mangoes and chocolate, a ‘Paradise Found.’”

– Laura Foley,
author of *Night Ringing*



I Want To Stay Up Talking But
You kiss me at midnight and tell me to hush
I lie back in bed and do just as you say
Feeling my cheeks and my chest start to blush
You kiss me at midnight and tell me to hush
Then make it quite clear that you’re not in a rush
The new year is here and we’re happy and gay
You kiss me at midnight and tell me to hush
I lie back in bed and do just as you say

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