

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

# I Carry My Mother

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108 pages \$10.00

*I Carry My Mother* is a book-length cycle of poems that explores a daughter's journey through her mother's illness and death. From diagnosis through *yahrzeit* (one-year anniversary of death), the narrator grapples with what it means to lose a mother. The poems, written in a variety of forms (sonnet, pantoum, villanelle, sestina, terza rima, haiku, and others) are finely crafted, completely accessible, and full of startling, poignant, and powerful imagery. These poems will resonate with all who have lost a parent, relative, spouse, friend, or anyone they dearly love.

**To honor her mother's memory, Lesléa Newman will donate \$1.00 to the Cancer Connection for each book ordered by January 25 (her mom's birthday). <http://www.cancer-connection.org>**



"In a passionate book, Lesléa Newman chronicles her mother's dying and the phases of her own grieving. She fuses an unsparing realism with lyrical intensity, in honest, direct, clear language, in mostly rhymed stanzas. The pages seem to tremble with an accurate description of changing emotional states, all born of the closeness, humor, and love in the mother-daughter relationship."

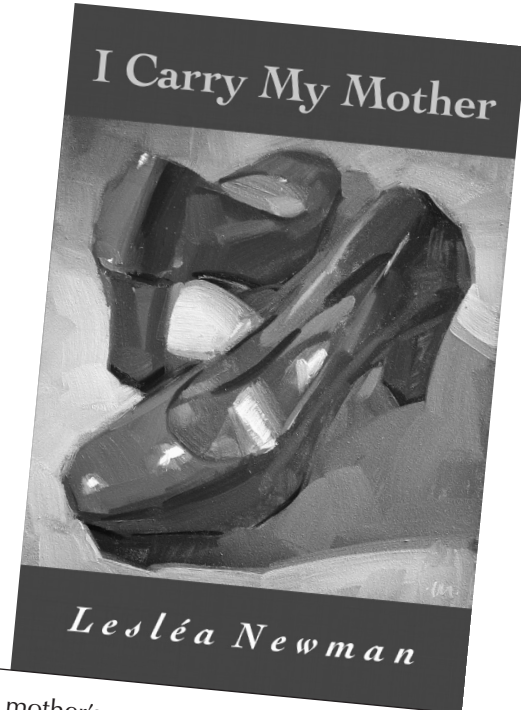
—Naomi Replansky,  
author of *The Dangerous World*

"Using forms inspired by poets ranging from Wallace Stevens to Dr. Seuss, from Sir Philip Sidney to Elizabeth Bishop, Lesléa Newman's heartfelt poems are a loving tribute to her mother."

—Ellen Bass,  
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"Throughout her long career, Lesléa Newman has distinguished herself by diving deep into the essentials of life and delivering them with a light touch. The poems in her new collection, *I Carry My Mother*, are both light and dark. They are small rituals that draw us closer to the child within, revealing the complex love between a vivacious mother and an independent daughter. Each verse is a spiritual chant; each line is a lyric glistening with grief."

—Jewelle Gomez  
author of *The Gilda Stories*



My mother's name is Faigl, "Little Bird"  
And soon she'll spread her wings and fly away  
Leaving me behind without a word  
My mother's name is Faigl, "Little Bird"  
Her voice the very first I ever heard  
Oh how on earth will I survive that day?  
My mother's name is Faigl, "Little Bird"  
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