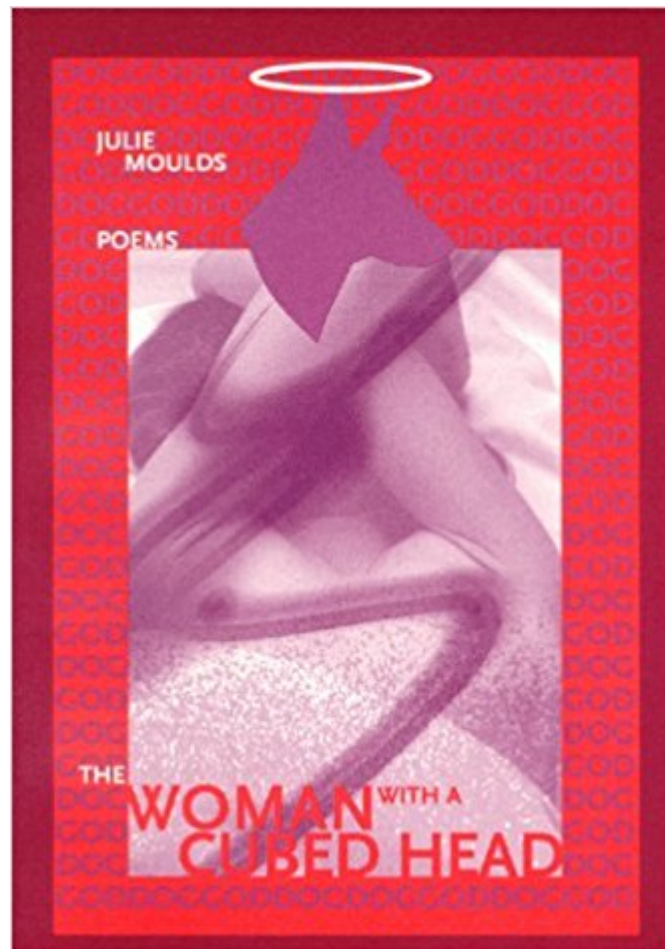




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Poet Julie Moulds has battled non-Hodgkins lymphoma for years, through remissions, recurrences, and a bone marrow transplant. In *The Woman with a Cubed Head*, Moulds summons up an exotic band of kindred spirits to accompany her as she engages the forces of darkness. Here are the loves of her life, from Mary, Mother of God, to Baba Yaga, the evil Russian witch. More like the Monty Python Flying Circus than the Knights of the Round Table, assembled here are characters from folk tales, myth, Moulds' favorite childhood books, icons of her Catholic upbringing, as well as her personae "Iva with steel-toed boots on, and the indefatigable Dog. In poems of wit, spirit, and attitude; in language that is sensual, fresh, and unabashed, Julie Moulds goes forth, tilting with real windmills.

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"Moulds crafts a universe from legends, myths, and fairy tales" Vikings and Valhalla, the Blessed Virgin, Renoir's women, Chagall's milk cow, Bugs Bunny, and Star Trek "but always we are aware that a life-and-death struggle is going on: chemotherapy, bone marrow transplants, 'anti-fungal mouth medications,' the indefatigable love of a husband." "Vince Gotera, North American Review

"Julie Moulds' poems are unflinching, funny, and wise. In her first book, *The Woman with a*

Cubed Head, a pastiche of global revisionist myth-making, she explores the horror and brilliance of transformed bodies, especially those changed by illness. Julie Moulds is a 21st century Gretel “she’s been singed by smoke from the witch’s oven, then escapes, urgent to tell us all about it.” (Denise Duhamel)

We recently lost the visionary writer and joyous spirit Julie Moulds-Rybiki in 2008 after a long and valiant battle with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. It is a true gift indeed that her words remain in print to share with those who never had the pleasure to meet her in person at one of her readings, or were blessed to study under her in the wonderfully insightful and informative college classes she taught. Speaking as one who has never particularly cared for poetry, I still say that this book is worth reading and treasuring. Julie’s words come alive on the page and are filled to the brim with not only her polished literary gifts but her varied passions for faith and imagination as well as for the English language and the vast forms of expression it offers. The only thing better than enjoying the rich and creative verses printed on the pages of this all-too brief collection would be to be able to hear the poet herself read them aloud. Since that opportunity is no longer afforded us, I encourage all who love reading, vivid imagery, and a passion for life and love expressed in words to invest in this fine volume. Upon doing so, after relishing it yourself, you will no doubt wish to share it with others. I know I have.

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