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Ludbrooke and Others

By Alan Brownjohn

Enitharmon Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Ludbrooke and Others, Alan Brownjohn, A sixty-poem sequence brings a new departure in Alan Brownjohn's poetry. 'Ludbrooke' is a rueful, proud, somewhat devious figure who negotiates the hurdles and snares of an older man's life with - or so he likes to think - a combination of principle, aplomb, dexterity and romantic flair. Yet his successes are few and modest, and his strategies suggest an alter ego which his creator is obliged to disown. Ludbrooke has been linked by some with the appearance in earlier poems of a character called 'The Old Fox'. But Ludbrooke behaves as if he is younger in spirit, more agile and varied in his activities. These 13-line poems - described by the poet Peter Reading as 'sonnets for the unlucky' - broadly cover three years of his day-to-day life in multicultural 21st-century Britain: a batch of near-love affairs, worries about the figure he cuts among friends, battles with work and alcohol - but finally a determination never to give up. The "Others" in Brownjohn's remarkable new volume - other poems rather than personalities - address a characteristically wide range of subjects: love, disquieting memories, features of a...



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