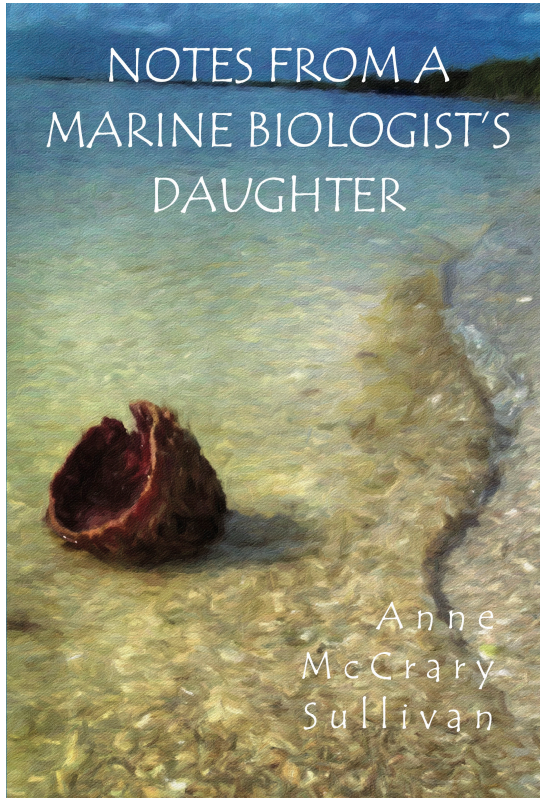


**Houston, Texas – March 1, 2023 – Press Release:** Saint Julian Press is proud to announce a new book of poetry, *NOTES FROM A MARINE BIOLOGIST'S DAUGHTER*, by author Anne McCrary Sullivan to be published on June 1, 2023. *Notes from a Marine Biologist's Daughter* renders in poems the inheritance of a mother's love of the wild, love of language, love of family. Loss, grief, and recovery resolve in a closely observed, deeply felt connection to nature.



*Notes from a Marine Biologist's Daughter* introduces the reader to a rich and varied lexicon of the natural world, its inhabitants, and the poet's interaction and close relationship with the same. These poems pay deep attention: to paddling in the Everglades, walking in the neighborhood, and indelible childhood memories. Nature is a never-ending source of remarkable occurrences for this poet-naturalist. We have new eyes for our world, reading this enthralled insightful collection.

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Anne McCrary Sullivan is a naturalist by temperament and by training, and her responses to the world — and to her foremothers — are large and generous and teach you more about the natural world than you knew you needed: "Our name is earth. Our name is sea. Our name is air." It is a pleasure to welcome this extraordinary poet's new work into the world.

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*Notes from a Marine Biologist's Daughter* made me want to bow down and tap dance at the same time. It left me with a powerful (and lasting) feeling that, not only are we surrounded by quiet and not-so-quiet miracles, but we live inside and within a vast, complex, wonderfully inexplicable and explicable Being (called whatever you wish). There's no pantheism or fancy posturing here. Just the astounding beauty of reality. This work convinces me that poetry is not at the heart of everything. *It is the heart of everything.*

—Patricia Corbus

*Finestra's Window*

Winner of the 2015  
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