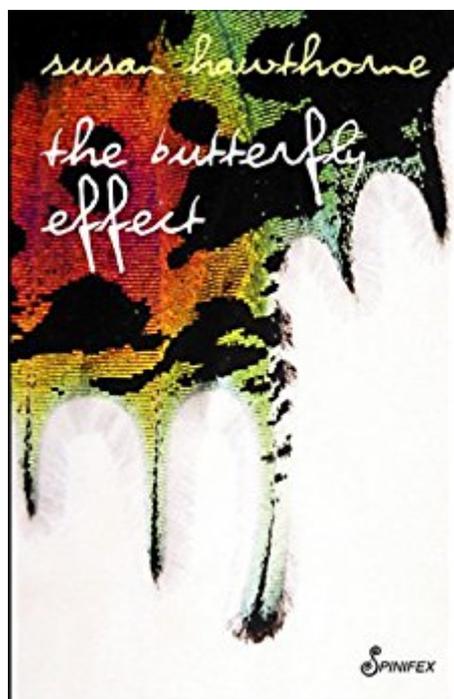


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# The Butterfly Effect



## Synopsis

The flap of a butterfly's wing in one part of the world can cause devastating storms on the other side, just as the word "lesbian" is a force full of vitality and world-changing creativity; can destroy families and bring down governments. Evoking the ancient worlds of pre-Vedic and Sapphic lovers, medieval jonglaresas, and nuns "fingering petals and hips," as well as the contemporary world of circuses, global politics, friendship, betrayal, and death, the poems in this collection fold in on themselves, exploding into concentric rings of meaning, rich in symbol and metaphor.

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complement to Wild Politics. In poems that range through history and space, Hawthorne makes the same connections. She gathers with Indian women in the feminist organization of Jagori where...we could not share a language, but we could share lunch...but as they read, listen to the / rhythms of their voices. It's / not only words we read. Words are important for poets but feelings are also important. Hawthorne re-iterates in Greek - about Virginia Woolf...this girl who would change the shape of English literature... could not learn Greek -she was a too young and she was a girl ...she listened to the birds singing in Greek/ but she could not understand them...the connection to life was stronger than language and Woolf...returned to the song of birds / to their healing sounds...

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