



House of Deer

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Some poets can't contain their morosity, some, their cynicism, and others make mirth at the damndest times. Sasha Steensen, step forward, *si vous plaît*, cha-cha-chagrin included.

Wickedly sharp, Steensen will relentlessly poke a stick at any topic—incest, abortion, the slaughter of fawns, a brother's opium addiction—and once the tension is high and the beehive is full of holes and fully inflamed, she'll let fly with the poetic equivalent of a church fart. (Was she worried we might think she takes herself too seriously?)

Steensen is the author of five books of poetry and a teacher of poetry and literature at Colorado State University.

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