



## Swallows and Waves

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Lithe and exacting, this collection draws inspiration from old Japanese woodblock prints and scroll paintings, resulting in lines at once visual and isolating. With two previous books and numerous awards and fellowships for earlier work, Paula Bohince lives in Pennsylvania.

### *Sparrows and Camellia*

*With thimble weight, the sparrows alight  
on decorative branches.  
Thumbs on a slightly bored body  
twiddling the thinnest edges. The day's  
assignment: to while the afternoon  
away. Maintain the blurred  
between. It is easy  
as friendship between love affairs,  
vacant of extremity, passion. How cool  
the light in this region of no awe. Welcome  
middle register: sane, calm.*

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