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## **Swallows and Waves**

## **Paula Bohince**

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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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