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Dear Editor,

On behalf of the editors, I am pleased to enclose a review copy of *Eating Her Wedding Dress: A Collection of Clothing Poems*, as well as informational materials, as per your request. I hope by reading this anthology you become as enlightened as we did to the unique dynamics between poetry and clothing.

Eating Her Wedding Dress has already met with extraordinary success. The Arts Council of Princeton (NJ) hosted our launch party on April 3rd, where 20 contributing poets convened from across the country to read to an extremely delighted sizeable crowd. On April 10th, Gallery 125 in Trenton, NJ, hosted an exceptionally well-attended reading amidst a multi-media art exhibit, *Threads*, which the gallery arranged especially to compliment our anthology.

We are excited to announce that the National Arts Club in the sumptuous Tilden Mansion in Gramercy Park, New York, will be hosting a reading by select *Eating Her Wedding Dress* poets as part of its Page Series on June 4th, 2009. The event is free and open to the public. "Upscale talismanic" attire suggested.

Kindly contact me if you have any questions, or if you decide to review *Eating Her Wedding Dress*. If so, we would like to post a link to your journal on our Web site, Facebook page, and Twitter page.

Enjoy the poetry!

Ruth O'Toole
Editor and Publicist

Ragged Sky Press announces....



Title: *Eating Her Wedding Dress:
A Collection of Clothing Poems*

Editors: Vasiliki Katsarou, Ruth O'Toole, and
Ellen Foos

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ISBN: 978-1-933974-06-4
Paperback \$15.00

Pages: 145 pp., 5 1/2 x 8 1/2,
Poetry, Literature, Fashion

Lovers of poetry and fashion alike will savor this provocative collection of poems by 100 contemporary poets, including Kim **Addonizio**, Margaret **Atwood**, Billy **Collins**, Elaine **Equi**, Jorie **Graham**, Maxine **Kumin**, Paul **Muldoon**, Charles **Simic**, and many more. The introduction by Ms. Katsarou invokes clothing in its many forms and functions: as desire, as ghost, as body, as poetry, as talisman, as transformer of the soul.

Vasiliki **Katsarou** is the writer and director of the award-winning film *Fruitlands 1843*. Her poems have appeared in *U.S. 1 Worksheets* and *wicked alice*. Ruth **O'Toole** is the author of *Clarissa@Loveles.com*, a variation of Samuel Richardson's *Clarissa*; and *Otsu*, a collection of verse inspired by the legendary samurai Miyamoto Musashi. Ellen **Foos**, author of *Little Knitted Sister*, is a MacDowell Colony fellow. In 1994, she founded Ragged Sky Press, a labor of love that has enabled many exceptional writers to publish their work.

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From Literary Bohemian:

*Am I what I wear? Reading this fabulous collection inspired me to pause in front of the long mirror in my daughter's bedroom. Then, I started rifling through my closet. **Eating Her Wedding Dress** is cleverly divided into four parts—or fitting rooms—where we look at who we are, or who we wish we could be without the glare of nasty lighting...*



*... I release my tongue, lick salt
as spit squirts like estrogen
between emerging rat teeth
capable of grinding, chewing
this ceremony of thoughts
sliding all denial and neglect
like colorless afterbirth
down my slippery throat...*

Editors Ellen, Vasiliki, and Ruth,
with Barbie Image Wedding Dress Cake
Launch Party, April 3, 2009
Arts Council of Princeton

from the poem
“Eating Her Wedding Dress”
by Eileen Malone

Complete List of Contributing Poets:

Kim Addonizio • Marcia Aldrich • Sherrill Alesiak • Celia Lisset Alvarez • Margaret Atwood • Elizabeth H. Barbato • Wendy Barker • Janet Barry • Rachim Baskin • Jan Beatty • Shaindel Beers • Nadine D. Boulware • Deirdre Brennan • Michael R. Brown • Megan Buchanan Cherry • Enriqueta Carrington • Billy Collins • Carolyn A. Dahl • Elizabeth Danson • Diane Elayne Dees • Madeline DeFrees • Stephan Delbos • Juditha Dowd • Lynn Emanuel • Elaine Equi • John Estes • John L. Falk • Roberta Feins • Linda Annas Ferguson • Ellen Foos • Alice Friman • Christine Gelineau • Wally Glickman • Jorie Graham • Susan Grimm • Carol Guess • Greg Hagan • Rasma Haidri • Daniel A. Harris • Ishmael von Heidrick-Barnes • Carlos Hernández Peña • Beatrice M. Hogg • Janis Butler Holm • Jean Hollander • Eric Howard • Winifred Hughes-Spar • M.J. Iuppa • Vasiliki Katsarou • James Keane • Shelley Spence Kiernan • Jane Knechtel • Maxine Kumin • Valerie Lawson • Daniel W.K. Lee • Laura LeHew • Howard Lieberman • Betty Lies • Lorraine Henrie Lins • Diane Lockward • Christina Lovin • Bobbi Lurie • Amy MacLennan • Eileen Malone • Alda Merini • Susan Meyers • Paul Muldoon • Charlotte Nekola • Ruth O'Toole • Carl Palmer • Andrea Potos • Wanda S. Praisner • James Richardson • Penelope Scambly Schott • Lynne Shapiro • Rochelle Jewel Shapiro • Shoshauna Shy • Charles Simic • Erin Elizabeth Smith • J.D. Smith • Elizabeth Anne Sussman Socolow • Jill Stein • Harvey Steinberg • Susan Stewart • Maxine Susman • Katrin Talbot • Maria Terrone • Mary Langer Thompson • Anca Vlasopolos • Donna Vorreyer • Lynn Wagner • Helen Pruitt Wallace • Ann Walters • Andy Wass • Arlene Weiner • Lesley Wheeler • Irene Willis • Laura Madeline Wiseman • Anne Harding Woodworth • Susan Yount • Andrena Zawinski • Claire Zoghb