

1: Burning Deck Press - Wikipedia

The Countess from Minneapolis is part prose, part poetry. I feel inclined to describe it as prose poetry, with the prose retaining a poetic quality, and the poetry retaining the prose narrative.

Strong enough to hold Minnehaha in his arms. My lens are accurate. I only use the fog swirls when necessary. They were too romantic. I even shot them in rooms with red walls. I can call his face and he responds. See how real, how much truth there is in this photograph of our son? I want to see him move. If this stillness broke, the picture would blur. My camera gives you that permission. The steam settled into the atmosphere steam in atmosphere it was cold; so the steam did not move it became lonely as a field of daffodils on the earth we kept looking up on the horizon there was admiration those waltzes. And the ivory of our lids felt vaporous as if crevices were gained in the shell where our eyes kept their hoods Thinking of you Prokofief that tricky snow outside makes a steam indoors and the china tea we brew keeps us quick as Prokofief Steam never lessens its latitude in the sky while many cars creep over the bridge sweating finally equipped with their Mahler treads. Thinking of You Prokofief The sunroom in the house on the river bank with the heavy rolltop desk, the desk evoking Ford Madox Ford. But upon these lines one could scarcely now conduct a life. First we lost our way then entered the Freeway then left that for Summit Hill. Whereupon the towers of St. Paul stared up at us. It was interesting architecturally; geographically speaking, where was Crocus Hill? I was thinking about tomatoes, Apollinaire water, kidneys, sweetbread, truffles, limes, Crocus Hill the finest grocery store in St. Crocus Hill From here it is only necessary to mount the staircase thus transcending one hundred and ninety-two years to the sculpture roof garden where Tony Smith has bestowed his Amaryllis.

2: NPR Choice page

*The Countess from Minneapolis (Burning Deck Poetry Series) [Barbara Guest] on www.enganchecubano.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. Book by Guest, Barbara.*

The popularity of her store was due in large part to offering exceptionally-made clothing and accessories to not only the elite women of Minneapolis, but also to the middle class. The lower cost of ready-to-wear clothing meant that middle-class women could buy off the rack thus having more than a handful of outfits for each season and a quick and easy way to obtain the latest fashions. At the height of her success, she built a beautiful home for herself and her sister, Annie. Their Minneapolis home would become a top address on the Twin Cities movers-and-shakers circuit. Annie, who owned the corset shop at Young-Quinlan, and Elizabeth decided to build a comfortable home for themselves in the prestigious Lowry Hill neighborhood of Minneapolis. Together, they purchased two-and-a-half city lots on Emerson Avenue S and set about finding an architect to build their dream home. Elizabeth knew New York architect Frederick Ackerman through his wife. Ackerman was a Cornell graduate who studied architecture in Paris for two years before earning a reputation for building beautifully private country residences. In , Elizabeth set him on the task of designing her a home reminiscent of the 16th-century villas she had seen while traveling in Florence, Italy. Their home would eventually serve as an architectural prototype for the new Young-Quinlan store, also designed by Ackerman. Both sisters had significant input on the design of their home, but Elizabethâ€™a perfectionist by natureâ€™ exchanged many letters with Ackerman about her tastes and preferences in the design. By December the plans were complete and building at Emerson Avenue S would start soon after. A 1, square-foot basement added room for storage and laundry facility for both units. The L-shaped, stucco home with a terra-cotta tiled roof was a breath of fresh air in a neighborhood filled with the very traditional brick homes that old Minneapolis money preferred. However, the Quinlan home stood equal to all of the others in luxury. The main entrance featured an arched oak-framed double door with a monumental surround. Each door had four panels filled with amber Belgian glass discs. The glass discs were overlaid with iron grillwork to give it a rustic look. All of the windows had sills of marble and were flanked by louvered wooden shutters. French windows appeared on the second level â€™ each featured an intricate wrought-iron balcony. Copper gutters and downspouts carried water from the roof to the ground in style. Once inside, visitors could choose to enter the lower unit by way of a large oak door in the entry vestibule or ascend the circular stone and wrought-iron staircase to the upper unit. The walls and ceiling of the living and dining rooms were covered in sand float plaster to give the rooms the rusticated appearance of a 16th-century Italian villa. A Corinthian-style column separated the living room from the dining room. All of the woodwork was birch stained light walnut. Quarry floor tiles in various shades of brown added to the rustic look. In the living room, a large fireplace of Mankato bluff stone with a travertine mantle stood opposite the wrought-iron entry gates. The design of a large monastery cabinet in the living room was based on a historic piece Elizabeth saw in the Palazzo Davanzati in Florence. Just off the living room was a striking Art Deco style powder room for guests. The walls were decorated with curves, stripes, and strange species of colorful garden flowers. All of the woodwork was painted silver, and a sleek dressing table was lit through opaque glass surfaces. A half-moon mirror hung above the table. Adjacent to the dressing table stood an elegant sink with a carved marble and stone basin sitting atop a sculpted swan pedestal. Bronze dolphin fixtures complimented the design. The rest of this floor featured a large kitchen and pantry, extra closet space, and two bedrooms for the help. The third floor was accessed by a stairway near the living room. Both bedrooms each had a closet and dressing room, a private bath, and a curved-front fireplace with a Quinlan family crest cartouche on the wall above the mantle. Adjacent to her bathroom was her dressing room, also decorated in the Art Deco style. The walls were covered in mirrors and decorated with woodland elves and nymphs. A dressing table with an illuminated glass surface dominated the room. A third bedroom and bathroom on this level were frequently used by houseguests. Most notably, the living room exhibited an enormous Gobelins Flemish Renaissance tapestry, a 17th-century Italian divan, an Egyptian prayer rug, and red draperies from the home of a former Sicilian Cardinal. A 16th-century

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vargueno chest stood in the dining room. I believe this prie-dieu came from the estate of Eleanor of Toledo, a Spanish noblewoman who was the Duchess of Florence from and is credited with being the first modern first lady, or consort. She served as regent of Florence during the absence of her husband. Annie and Elizabeth Quinlan lived together in their upper duplex from until their deaths; Annie in and Elizabeth the following year. The MIA sold it back to a private buyer in It remains a private residence today with many of the important architectural features still intact. The home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

3: Northeast | Glam Doll Donuts - Minneapolis Minnesota

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It has created a great deal of anxiety. And then I lived with my Grandmother in Virginia, in West Virginia, and then with my parents in Florida, and then later with my aunt and uncle in California. The drama, the poignancy, and perhaps even the ultimate meaning of these other genres arise from their inability to ever quite effect these transformations. Unlike the regional writer, whose first mandate must be "write what you know" with its corollary "write where you know", Guest as outsider can only write in order to know, and in order to grasp the self as if shifts in relation to unfamiliar place. Poem 13 acknowledges what one can "understand" and how, and what one cannot ever? When shall I understand Minneapolis? If not grain by grain, at least loaf by loaf. If not the river flow, at least its turn and tributary. Still there are permissions to approach through that immigrant air. The surprising thing about these lines is their lack of Eastern or cosmopolitan condescension. Minneapolis is put forward as significant matter, worthy of attention, capable of rewarding study. The New Yorker is an immigrant seeking "permissions to approach," with more of the air of a pilgrim pursuing understanding than a tourist upon whom distinctions and qualifications are lost. This is a speaker who poignantly glimpses aspects of things she feels she may never see as thoroughly or as deeply as a native of Minneapolis a Minneapolitan? She has passed into environs she cannot satisfactorily comprehend. But a sense of a coherent whole would be as false to her sense of Minneapolis, as it would be to the complexity of New York City. The reader also becomes a stranger, constantly taking in "data," trying to comprehend connections, to attach and unify. The work as a whole represents a remarkable confluence of styles, freely borrowed, stolen, and invented. Yet all of these linguistic and poetic styles take up the issues of space and place; together they constitute a veritable catalog of attempts at learning how to live in Minneapolis. I miss those long ago hours we shared, our mutual whisperings and field and town delights. I pray soon you will answer my letter so that this separation may find its fixity in the space dividing us, or rather, may enrich the space that separates us. His was the only icy hand with any warmth concealed in it. It was he who had called her "my light in winter". Who had led her in a northern country to the first wild strawberry. Never forget the loneliness of Strindberg in Paris. Poem 19 finds Guest comically aligning herself with an ancient traveler-poet, one Widsith, the fictional narrator of an old English poem, probably from the 7th century. She imagines herself to be in the tradition of this "scop" or minstrel, aptly borrowing a lively alliterative and boasting style to describe her own mock-heroics in taking on the wilds of the Midwest, the river and the prairie: Scoping along the Mississippi. Coasting the Myth-West, musing the margins, earth yearned river wracked, grieving and groping, I a Scop making my weird. I saw many fellows, lithesome liquor hoarders, drawers of the dream, also riven by the river, daughter of the Rood. All have heard of the musicians ravishing. Guest finds the New York School tendency to eclectic appropriation of poetic styles abruptly juxtaposed to be indispensable to her attempt to know Minneapolis; it provides a means of demonstrating that Minneapolis also tells its story in many voices. Encoded in the very title of Countess she has no name is her alien sensibility, ill-sorting with Minneapolis. She is an aristocrat residing in a democracy, an immigrant with an unspecified past - perhaps she is Russian, perhaps German or Scandinavian? Guest watches her, as she makes her uncertain and reluctant forays into the Minneapolis of grain elevators, lumber-milling and flour-milling, hindered by her residual orientation toward quite another place, an older, more established and refined place, which she cannot forget and cannot help but prefer: Seated at the mirror rolling up her hair, feeling the thin papers curling around her fingers, the air in contrast thick from the low glaucous clouds, the color of flour, her fingers twisting the papers into shapes like grain bins - cylindrical. The same routes she often dreamed of as passages to better things. Such as a lime laden or elm heavy driveway poised within a privacy, a refinement, a collection of tested images with their fragrances not here in the grain struck air, the summits of flour rising like pillows over the landscape. And her imagination hastened to where all was still, aged, and quartered. The curl papers were shredded, dropped onto

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the floor, parquet as she had wished, yet so disturbed by its removal here to Minneapolis, broken in spots and mended that the surface reflected a suffering which she shared and thus its beauty. The countess remains an isolate partly because she wishes it, and is too weak and muddled however charmingly so to risk genuine connections with the world outside her window. She suffers from a certain agoraphobia, unmixed, as it is in Barbara Guest, with a counterbalancing agoraphilia. She writes a strange and funny anecdote about the statue of Hiawatha which was placed in Minnehaha Park in gratitude to Longfellow whose "sickening passages," she writes, "stink[] up the night. This curiosity, this attentiveness, this openness is rewarded in those poems in which Guest seems sure that the locale both because of, and in spite of its essential strangeness can be congenial to the self that expresses itself through language. She catches a poem acting as if it were at once the Minnesota sun and the Minnesota moon, traversing the Mississippi river in a boxcar over a bridge. The poem, 32, feels like a brightly lit moment of achievement, a moment when the beauty and meaning of a local landmark reveals itself to the receptive outsider: There was a poem with A moon in it travelling across the bridge in one Of those fragile trains carrying very small loads Like moons that one could never locate anywhere else. The Mississippi was bright under the bridge like a Sun, because the poem called itself the Sun also; Two boxcars on the bridge crossing the river. Always aligned with the flashier aspects of the New York School aesthetic, as Marjorie Perloff recognized early on, is the key notion of "attention", a word these poets used consistently in their poems and in their literary and art criticism. The immense inattention accorded the Midwest by New Yorkers in general, is partially, subtly, surprisingly redressed by Barbara Guest in *The Countess from Minneapolis*. New Yorker 19 July Letter to Barbara Guest. Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. Yale University, New Haven. *The Countess from Minneapolis*. New Approaches to the Field. Essays on The Modern Literature of Travel. U of Georgia P, U of New Mexico P, Introduction by John Ashbery. U of California P, *The Midwestern Ascendancy in American Writing*. Sara Lundquist is an associate professor of English at the University of Toledo in Ohio, where she teaches modern and contemporary poetry. It is made available here without charge for personal use only.

4: The Countess from Minneapolis PAPERBACK - Barbara Guest : Small Press Distribution

The Countess from Minneapolis, published in , Guest's fourth book of poetry, like her previous three, must be described using these very adjectives. It is an odd little book which eludes generic classification.

5: The Countess from Minneapolis by Barbara Guest

The Countess from Minneapolis Poetry. "Guest's is an art of limpid evocation and darkening implication, a crystalline music of spaces and silences that seems to be.

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