

CONTENTS

FIRE | 1

The author tells about herself running through the Oakland-Berkeley hills, which are on fire. All her material goods, including her novel-in-progress, are burned. A true story.

PAPER | 43

The history of lost Books of Peace, and the quests for them.

WATER | 63

A re-creation of the burned book. A fiction set in Hawai'i, where Wittman Ah Sing and his family seek sanctuary during the War in Viet Nam.

EARTH | 239

A nonfiction during which the author and her husband live in temporary homes while their new house is being built. She sends out a call to war veterans to help write a literature of peace.

Epilogue 399

Permissions Acknowledgments 405