

Tender Buttons The Corrected Centennial Edition



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BOOK SYNOPSIS

The MLA Committee on Scholarly Editions has awarded *Tender Buttons: The Corrected Centennial Edition* its seal designating it an MLA Approved Edition. 2014 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the original publication of Gertrude Steins groundbreaking modernist classic, *Tender Buttons*. This centennial edition is the first and only version to incorporate Steins own handwritten corrections-found in a first-edition copy at the University of Colorado-as well as corrections discovered among her papers at the Beinecke Library at Yale University. Editor Seth Perlow has assembled a text with over one hundred emendations, resulting in the first version of *Tender Buttons* that truly reflects its authors intentions. These changes are detailed in Perlows "Note on the Text," which describes the editorial process and lists the specific variants for the benefit of future scholars. The book includes facsimile images of some of Steins handwritten edits and lists of corrections, as well as an afterword by noted contemporary poet and scholar Juliana Spahr. A compact, attractive edition suitable for general readers as well as scholars, *Tender Buttons: The Corrected Centennial Edition* is unique among the available versions of this classic text and is destined to become the standard. Gertrude Stein (1874-1946) was one of the most important and innovative American writers of literary modernism, as well as one of the great art collectors and salon hosts of the period. A pioneering lesbian writer, Stein lived most of her life in Paris but became a celebrity in the United States with the publication of *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas* (1933). Seth Perlow teaches English at Oklahoma State University. Juliana Spahr teaches writing at Mills College. " *Tender Buttons* is the touchstone work of radical modernist poetry, the fullest realization of the turn to language and the most perfect realization of wordness, where word and object are merged. For the centennial of this masterpiece, Seth Perlow has given us much the best edition of the poem, based on Steins manuscript and corrections she made to the first edition. Punctuation, spelling, format, and a few phrases are affected and most especially the change in the capitalization of the section titles. The difference is spreading." - Charles Bernstein, University of Pennsylvania, author of *Attack of the Difficult Poems: Essays and Inventions* "The publication of an authoritative edition of *Tender Buttons*, with Steins hitherto unpublished corrections and editions, is a splendid way to celebrate the centennial of this influential modernist work. Scholars will benefit from the full documentation, and readers will appreciate its convenient format, which resembles the original publication." - Jonathan Culler, Cornell University "This radical multi-dimensional generative cubist text with the simplest words imaginable continues to alter and shape poetics into the post post modernist future. We have Gertrude Steins mind grammar operating at full tilt, with unpredictability, wit and sensory prevarication. Look to the minutes particulars, Blake admonished, and here she does just that: it is a winning cake. Salvos to the editor and salient afterword that give belletristic notes and political perspective as well. A unique edition." - Anne Waldman, The Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics

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