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Bad Habitats

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“Good stories destabilize a reader’s view of the world. And when this happens, the experience is exciting and mystifying. *Bad Habitats* is just such a remarkable read. Startling in its ambition and stunning in its achievements, the amalgamation of the animal and human leaves us with serious questions about who we think we are and who we want to be.”

– **Dana Johnson**, judge of the 2012 Fiction Chapbook Competition

ABOUT THE CHAP:

Alisa Slaughter's *Bad Habitats* stunningly transports us to a shadow world of anxiety, danger, and heartbreak. Blending incendiary social commentary with biting, melancholy wit, Slaughter reveals the feeble boundaries between wildness and civilization. The skunks, coyotes, cougars, and ravens in these pages are fellow-travelers of the broken world, seeking solace, satisfaction, and love. Their oddly affecting stories and messy lives emblemize the tenuousness of happiness, the tenderness of joy, and the inevitability of transience and change.

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BAD HABITATS

The Party Skunks of the South Bay

When the conventions come to town there's chicken sometimes, sandwich shards among the square planters and the white-trunked ficus, reflecting pools that reflect and colored jets that fling chlorine drops of amethyst and amber. Maybe it's the disinfectants or whatever

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