

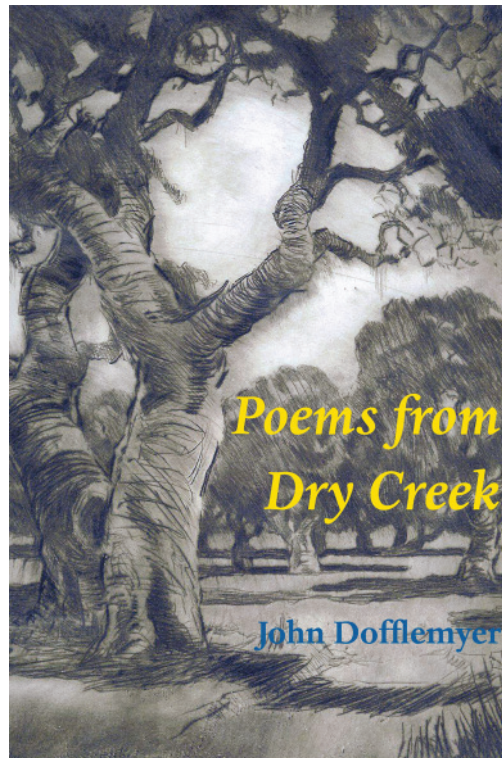
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JOHN DOFFLEMYER is a cattle-rancher and poet. His work has been widely published in journals and chapbooks. He lives at the edge of the Sierra Nevadas on a piece of land his family has worked since shortly after the California goldrush.

I usually avoid reading poetry because I have read so much, and I often am disappointed. But the minute I started reading [this] I sat right up and came totally awake both for subject and for language and style. That's good stuff. I like the esoteric vocabulary too – “beaver lid” and the sweet confluence of cows with motherhood – a diverse set of poems really, political, personal, historical, in the moment. Reminding me again it's not that there need be a “cowboy” poetry but, as we move toward it, a poetry of work and daily life and the land. Which includes history and family.

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