

"Each morning, I treat myself to a poem by Jamie K. Reaser. Thoughtful, evocative, and welling up from a deeply sacred place, her words are my morning meditation, my morning prayer. Although *Wild Life* is bundled as a book of poetry, I know it to be what it truly is: Spiritual practice. Thank you, Jamie, for such a gift."

—Susan Chernak McElroy, author Animals as Teachers and Healers, Why Buffalo Dance

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