Contents

Like God, 3

1
Out of Metropolis 7
The Book’s Speech 8
The White Dress 9
Dressing the Parts 10
inside gertrude stein 13
The Politics of Narrative: Why I Am a Poet 16
Walt, I Salute You! 20
At the Ritz 22

2
Halfway Through the Book I’m Writing 27
The Burial 29
The Instruction Manual 31
The Corpses, 32
Persona 34
In Purgatory 35
Painting the Town 37
A Landscape in the Country 39
Soliloquy of the Depressed Book 41
These Days, 43

3
She 47
Elsewhere 48
In Search of a Title 50
Homage to Sharon Stone 52
Ode to Voice 55
Portrait of the Author 58
In English in a Poem 60
Then, Suddenly – 62

Acknowledgements 65