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CRAZING, by Ruth Thompson

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Saddle Road Press announces the release of *Crazing*, the latest work of poet Ruth Thompson, who takes on the themes of dementia, loss (and rediscovery) of self, and environmental collapse in a voice uniquely her own.

“My body and the earth’s body are one,” Thompson says in her much-praised video [Ruth Thompson Talks About Her Work](#). These two threads – the poet’s “crazing” body and the dessicating body of earth – interweave in *Crazing*. Here Thompson takes us through grief, elegy, memory, and delight – finding even her own mental cracks and the drought-stricken “delaminating” earth transformed by “laughter’s fire.”

This is a book which appeals beyond traditional readers of poetry. Families dealing with Alzheimer’s or other forms of dementia, those in grief about aging, questioning the future of our planet, spiritual teachers, yoga classes, book groups – *Crazing* deserves a place on many shelves.

Early reader reviews are [here](#), and **published web reviews** are [here](#) and [here](#).

Video: Ruth’s youtube channel is [here](#).

Audio: a selection of Ruth’s readings on Soundcloud can be found [here](#).

About the Author: Ruth Thompson is the author of *Crazing* (2015), *Woman With Crows* (2012; 2013), and *Here Along Cazenovia Creek* (2011). Her poems have won the New Millennium Writings, Harpur Palate, and many other prizes. *Woman With Crows* was a finalist for the A Room of Her Own Foundation’s To The Lighthouse Prize. Ruth received a BA from Stanford and a doctorate in English from Indiana University. She has been an English professor, a librarian, a college administrator, a book editor, and currently teaches body-based creative writing and meditation. A more complete bio is [here](#).

Upcoming book events are listed [here](#).

A digital cover image can be downloaded [here](#).

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