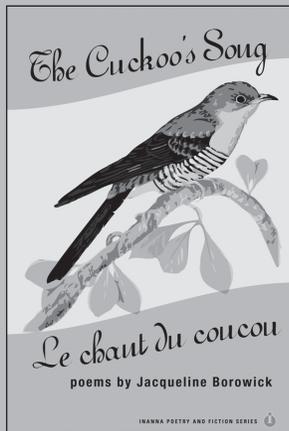
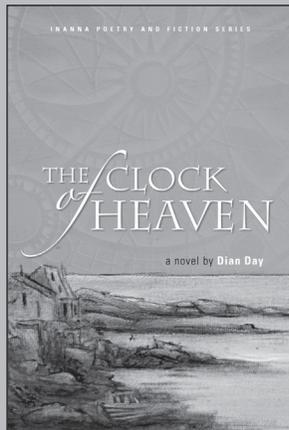


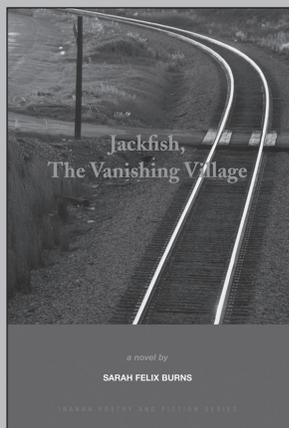
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Magda

Marionettes carved from wood.
Chimney sweeper.

A girl, Magda.

Nut trees and pines.
Carpathian Mountains.

Blueberry picking in August.

In the days of tallow candles,
walls hung with hand-loomed tapestries.
Flat weave kilim rugs.

My mother's childhood house:
one low window, attic rooms.

Red mud of Maros River,
Grandmother Mariska picks wild sorrel.

She works as a cook. Arad, 1928.

After school, Magda is alone in the house.
stepfather says: "I'll kill you if you tell anyone!"

A girl, Magda:

dressed in Sunday best,
her coat is all buttons,
embroidered white blouse.
White leggings. Black shoes.

Polio fever at age four,
affected below the knee.

Ilona Martonfi's poetry appears earlier in this volume.