

DIXIE SALAZAR

Unsolved mysteries 2

for Jon

Inside our bodies
billions of dots connect
in the autonomic universe.
Overhead, the sky is a messy blur
like a blind child has scribbled
there with a blue crayon.
Cover the moon with your palm
and you can make it disappear.
For every fish bone you swallow,
a new species of sea horse evolves.
Thousands die every day
for a rumor of divine touch—
so many crimes darting
like drunken fish, so many crimes
to take in with your coffee,
so many cold cases locked away
in the cellar of daily amnesia.
Take one more deep breath,
now another,
close your eyes and touch
something solid,
then touch a star not yet discovered.

Dixie Salazar has published five books of poetry: *Hotel Fresno*, *Reincarnation of the Commonplace* (National Poetry Award winner), *Blood Mysteries*, *Flamenco Hips and Red Mud Feet*, and *Altar for Escaped Voices*. She has also published the novel *Limbo* and *Carmen and Chia Mix Magic*, a young adult fantasy novel.

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Child's Play, 2015
Oil on canvas, 60 x 48 in



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