

## FOREST BOOKS

### STOLEN FIRE

LYUBOMIR LEVCHEV was born on 29 April 1935, in the town of Troyan in the foothills of the Balkan range in central Bulgaria. He attended secondary school in Sofia, graduating from Kliment Ochrid University, Sofia in the faculties of Philosophy and History. In his career he has been an editor of a daily newspaper, a radio programme organizer, an editor of the weekly newspaper of the Writers' Union, Literary Front, first vice-president of the Committee for Culture, and first Deputy Minister for Culture. At present he is President of the Bulgarian Writers' Union. He has received several major literary prizes including the French Academy's Gold Medal and title of Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Poésie in 1985.

EWALD OSERS was born in Prague in 1917 but has lived in the United Kingdom since 1938. A writer and lecturer, he has translated over eighty books, twenty one of them poetry volumes. A fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, he has been awarded many prizes and in 1983 was given the Silver Pegasus of the Bulgarian Writers' Union.

JACQUELINE CROFTON was born in London in 1946. From the age of 13 she studied at Harrow School of Art and has since developed her own distinctive style. Her particular interest is non-sycophantic portraiture especially in the medium of charcoal. She has exhibited at many exhibitions and her work has been printed by silk screen in limited editions.