

# *New Names for Stars*

by Len Lawson



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Len Lawson's *New Names for Stars* is a daring, thoughtful book that superimposes the struggle and triumph of Black life onto the cosmos. Across a collection of experimental and inventive meditations emerges one of our most important chroniclers of Black America. Lawson is masterful with a playful spirit and a master elegist's eye. This collection took me to a better world.

--Nate Marshall, author of *Wild Hundreds*

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