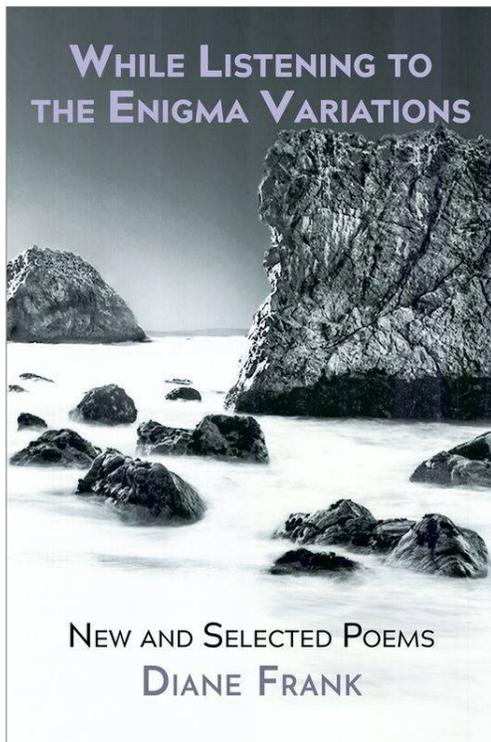


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“Diane Frank’s terrific *While Listening to the Enigma Variations: New and Selected Poems*, shows us a poet over a long and rich career who is undefeated by the acknowledged difficulties of living an affirmative life. She concludes an elegy to a friend by saying, ‘Shine your light into the dark world,’ and this is what Frank does in her poems. She’s an ecstatic poet, who finds joy in music, dance, poetry, and, in general, in art itself. A book to have by your bedside when things seem bad.”

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**Lois P. Jones, author of *Night Ladder*
Radio Host, KPFK’s Poets Café**