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"If spoken word were professional boxing Andrea Gibson would be the light weight you don't think much of until she knocks you flat on your ass." -- The Denver Westword

About the Author

Andrea Gibson is not gentle with her truths. A powerful live performer Gibson is the winner of the 2008 Women's World Poetry Slam, and has placed 3rd in world on two International Poetry Slam stages. Andrea's first book, POLE DANCING TO GOSPEL HYMNS won the DIY Poetry Book of the Year and was nominated for the prestigious PUSHCART PRIZE. Gibson has been showcased on FREE SPEECH TV, THE BBC, AIR AMERICA, CSPAN, NPR, and was featured in the documentary SLAM PLANET. She has released four full-length albums and tours over 180 dates/year. Gibson's work illuminates that the personal is political wit

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