

## **Review of Blue Wallpaper by Gregory Woods**

Blue Wallpaper (2019) is a book of quiet resistance to insensitivity. With his own experiences located in broader social developments – mourning beloved individuals lost to a worldwide pandemic, for instance, or becoming the husband of a husband after having been that of a wife – he is able, without grandstanding, to evoke the greater themes that lie implicit in the local, the personal, the apparently trivial. His modest attentiveness to subtleties of speech and touch has a resonance way beyond his own patch.