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BETWEEN THE HERON AND THE MOSS

poems by

Sarah M. Wells

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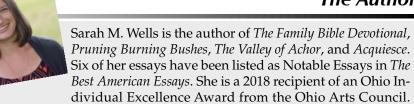
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Market: Anyone interested in poetry that, as Wells' poem, "Another Day on Action Drive" puts it, invites us "to shape the burning bushes by the drive."

Shelving: Poetry; Anabaptist-Mennonite literature. BISAC: Poetry; RTM: 640 Poetry

Quote: "What more can be done, / here. What more but prune back the grapevine, / transplant bee balm, recruit the grandson's wife / to shape the burning bushes by the drive. / It's what she has to do."

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