

ARTIST STATEMENT

Anna Z. ILL, "Hunter's Daughter"

This is a photograph of the sculpture I made as an Ekphrastic response to Elizabeth Kerlikowse's poem, "Hunter's Daughter". The opening lines captured my imagination and set my mind to wondering as this eco-mythic image materialized.

"The buck was not shot so much as he fell over in the open field at the gun's report. The hunter who saw the buck go down claimed it, began the dressing when something inside the deer moved. A human baby lodged in the animal's rib cage. No time to ask how."