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## **DREAMING BODY**

mugwort and pastel on paper

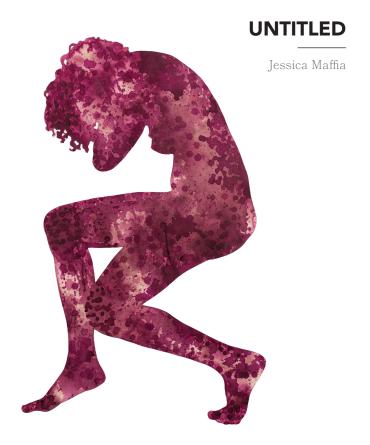


My body is a map onto which I inscribe my inner landscape. I am conducting a thorough psychological excavation using Nature as metaphor for psyche. I am curious about the wilderness within me, exploring the porous boundaries between humans and the natural world, and rendering visible my own cellular memory. I am teasing apart my dense layers of selves in order to tell the litany of stories that my body holds from which a sense of a single self is derived.

# THE SEA WITHIN

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homemade pokeweed berry ink on paper