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Fortino Sámano Omnidawn

The new edition of a prize-winning memoir-in-poems, a meditation on life as a queer Indigenous man—available for the first time in the United States “i am one of those hopeless romantics who wants every blowjob to be transformative.” Billy-Ray Belcourt’s debut poetry collection, *This Wound Is a World*, is “a prayer against breaking,” writes trans Anishinaabe and Métis poet Gwen Benaway. “By way of an expansive poetic grace, Belcourt merges a soft

beauty with the hardness of colonization to shape a love song that dances Indigenous bodies back into being. This book is what we’ve been waiting for.” Part manifesto, part memoir, *This Wound Is a World* is an invitation to “cut a hole in the sky / to world inside.” Belcourt issues a call to turn to love and sex to understand how Indigenous peoples shoulder their sadness and pain without giving up on the future. His poems upset genre and play with form, scavenging for a decolonial kind of heaven where “everyone is at least a little gay.” Presented here with several additional poems, this prize-winning collection pursues fresh directions for queer and

decolonial theory as it opens uncharted paths for Indigenous poetry in North America. It is theory that sings, poetry that marshals experience in the service of a larger critique of the coloniality of the present and the tyranny of sexual and racial norms.

Cry Baby Mystic Omnidawn

An NPR Best Book of the Year From 2018 Whiting Award winner Tommy Pico, *Junk* is a book-length break-up poem that explores the experience of loss and erasure, both personal and cultural. The third book in Tommy Pico's *Teebs* trilogy, *Junk* is a breakup poem in couplets: ice floe and hot lava, a tribute to Janet Jackson and nacho cheese. In the static that follows the loss of a job or an apartment or a boyfriend, what can you grab onto for orientation? The narrator

wonders what happens to the sense of self when the illusion of security has been stripped away. And for an indigenous person, how do these lost markers of identity echo larger cultural losses and erasures in a changing political landscape? In part taking its cue from A.R. Ammons's *Garbage*, *Teebs* names this liminal space "Junk," in the sense that a junk shop is full of old things waiting for their next use; different items that collectively become indistinct. But can there be a comfort outside the anxiety of utility? An appreciation of "being" for the sake of being? And will there be Chili Cheese Fritos?

Focal Point Tin House Books

A chapbook of epistolary and intimate "memo" poems

BRUJA Omnidawn

Debut novel about a young family forced to flee their war-ravaged homeland, forced to leave behind everything & everyone beloved & familiar. Old family photographs & lush watercolor paintings based on medieval illuminated manuscripts interweave with remembrances, ghost stories/stories of the war dead, & fairy tales to conjure a story of war, of emigration & immigration, the remarkable human capacity to experience love & wonder amidst destruction & loss, & how to create beauty out of horror.

Boyish Omnidawn

Offering a series of poems rooted in the profoundly narrative yet disorienting experience of losing a loved one, Prageeta Sharma, in Grief Sequence,

summons all of her resources in order to attempt any semblance, poetic or otherwise, of clear sense in trauma. In doing so she shows that grief, frustrating to logic and yet as real as any experience we might know, is ripe for the sort of intellectual and emotional processing of which poetry is most capable.

Slab Omnidawn

"In Bruja, Wendy C. Ortiz deftly navigates the land of dreams in what she calls a dreamoir. By telling us her dreams, by revealing her most unguarded and vulnerable self, Ortiz is, truly, offering readers the most intimate parts of herself--how she loves, how she wants, how she lives, who she is. Bruja is not just a book--it is an enigma and a wonder and utterly entrancing." --

Roxane Gay, author of *Bad Feminist*
All the Flowers Kneeling Omnidawn
 1st/2nd Book Contest
 Winner of the T. S. Eliot Prize 2020.
 Poetry Book Society Choice, Summer
 2020. Bhanu Kapil's extraordinary and
 original work has been published in the
 US over the last two decades. During
 that time Kapil has established herself as
 one of our most important and ethical
 writers. Her books often defy
 categorisation as she fearlessly engages
 with colonialism and its ongoing and
 devastating aftermath, creating what
 she calls in *Ban en Banlieue* (2015) a
 'Literature that is not made from
 literature'. Always at the centre of her
 books and performances are the
 experiences of the body, and, whether
 she is exploring racism, violence, the

experiences of diaspora communities in
 India, England or America, what emerges
 is a heart-stopping, life-affirming way of
 telling the near impossible-to-be-told.
How To Wash A Heart, Kapil's first full-
 length collection published in the UK,
 depicts the complex relations that
 emerge between an immigrant guest
 and a citizen host. Drawn from a first
 performance at the ICA in London in
 2019, and using poetry as a mode of
 interrogation that is both rigorous,
 compassionate, surreal, comic, painful
 and tender, by turn, Kapil begins to ask
 difficult and urgent questions about the
 limits of inclusion, hospitality and care.
A Little White Shadow FSG Originals
 A collection of out-of-print and previously
 unpublished work from a lesser known
 yet highly influential American poet.

This Wound Is a World Harper Collins
An acute and deeply insightful book of essays exploring poetic form and the role of instinct and imagination within form—from former poet laureate, Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winning author Robert Hass. Robert Hass—former poet laureate, winner of the National Book Award, and recipient of the Pulitzer Prize—illuminates the formal impulses that underlie great poetry in this sophisticated, graceful, and accessible volume of essays drawn from a series of lectures he delivered at the renowned Iowa Writers’ Workshop. *A Little Book on Form* brilliantly synthesizes Hass’s formidable gifts as both a poet and a critic and reflects his profound education in the art of poetry. Starting with the exploration of a single

line as the basic gesture of a poem, and moving into an examination of the essential expressive gestures that exist inside forms, Hass goes beyond approaching form as a set of traditional rules that precede composition, and instead offers penetrating insight into the true openness and instinctiveness of formal creation. *A Little Book on Form* is a rousing reexamination of our longest lasting mode of literature from one of our greatest living poets.

Above Us the Milky Way Omnidawn
Fortino Samano (the overflowing of the poem) is a collaborative work by the emerging French poet, Virginie Lalucq, and the distinguished philosopher, Jean-Luc Nancy.

Thief in the Interior Wave Books
Bobbing alongside Margery Kempe—an

illiterate medieval mystic who dictated the first autobiography in English—the ragged voice of Cry Baby Mystic finds itself drawn into strange predicaments that are not its own and ferried into abandoned spaces by the gearing of stardom and shame. The revolving sentences overheard by the reader—a muffled chorus of Brechtian aftershocks—survive only as traces of sorrow now craved by all who have known it: sound gossiping the unsound, the excess of the pilgrim. A person climbs out and never comes home.

Body Clock Omnidawn

Mother Body is an intersectional exploration of the trauma and agency held within a body defined by its potential to mother. As Mother Body unfolds, it tasks its reader to understand

the expected and unexpected manifestations of motherhood, through menstruation and womb work, but also generational, societal, and literary mothering. With a variety of forms and modes, these poems unpack the experiences of a fat, black woman's body while also manifesting joy, resistance, and celebration.

Life in a Field Omnidawn

An exquisite exploration of motherhood and the elastic nature of time.

Junk Deep Vellum Publishing

FINALIST FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK

AWARD FOR POETRY Winner of the Walt

Whitman Award of the Academy of

American Poets, selected by Juan Felipe

Herrera For years now, I've been using

the wrong palette. Each year with its

itchy blue, as the bruise of solitude

reaches its expiration date. Planes and buses, guesthouse to guesthouse. I've gotten to where I am by dint of my poor eyesight, my overreactive motion sickness. 9 p.m., Hanoi's Old Quarter: duck porridge and plum wine. Voices outside the door come to a soft boil. —from "Phnom Penh Diptych: Dry Season" Jenny Xie's award-winning debut, *Eye Level*, takes us far and near, to Phnom Penh, Corfu, Hanoi, New York, and elsewhere, as we travel closer and closer to the acutely felt solitude that centers this searching, moving collection. Animated by a restless inner questioning, these poems meditate on the forces that moor the self and set it in motion, from immigration to travel to estranging losses and departures. The sensual worlds here—colors, smells,

tastes, and changing landscapes—bring to life questions about the self as seer and the self as seen. As Xie writes, "Me? I'm just here in my traveler's clothes, trying on each passing town for size." Her taut, elusive poems exult in a life simultaneously crowded and quiet, caught in between things and places, and never quite entirely at home. Xie is a poet of extraordinary perception—both to the tangible world and to "all that is untouchable as far as the eye can reach."

Train Music Omnidawn

With incisive energy, wit, and wisdom, these powerful essays explore the intersection between poetry and politics.

A Constellation of Ghosts Liverpool University Press

Poetry. "If you want to get a look at the

future of American poetry (and feel excited about it), read this book. In these poems, Mark Faunlagui's speakers are at once sophisticated and disarmingly vulnerable; hedonistic and polymathic; aesthetically and sexually transgressive and brimming over with an ecstatic love for words and a tender devotion to the human body."--Geoffrey Nutter "Mark Faunlagui's poems shimmer and glisten to a bruised beat, leaving beautiful welts in their wake. His measured poetic ecstasy is downright addictive. ON SOME HISPANOLUSO MINIATURISTS is a true cause for celebration in these dark times."--Todd Colby "From lush jungle to city sidewalks and all the landscapes in between, Mark Faunlagui's ON SOME HISPANOLUSO MINIATURISTS takes desire across the globe. Cultures clash

and commune over sex and food. Art and architecture create their own narratives. Colors are illuminated as if seen for the first time. We are left with imprints of a masterful gaze and hand upon a miniaturist's detail."--Nicolas Destino "This hot pig really knows his way around...he's like the Energizer Bunny, he never needs breaks and can go on for hours. And--a really nice guy, too."--AJ Pigglet
Companion Grasses W. W. Norton & Company
 Poetry. Latino/Latina Studies. LGBTQIA Studies. Women's Studies. BEAST MERIDIAN narrates the first-generation Mexican American girl, tracking the experiences of cultural displacement, the inheritance of generational trauma, sexist and racist violence, sexual

assault, economic struggle, and institutional racism and sexism that disproportionately punishes brown girls in crisis. Narrated by a speaker in mourning marked as an at-risk juvenile, psychologically troubled, an offender, expelled and sent to alternative school for adolescents with behavioral issues, and eventually, a psychiatric hospital, it survives the school to prison pipeline, the immigrant working class condition, grueling low-pay service jobs, conservative classism against Latinxs in Texas, queerness, assimilation, and life wrapped up in frivolous citations, fines, and penalties. The traumatic catalyst for the long line of trouble begins with the death of a beloved young grandmother from preventable cervical cancer--another violence of systemic racism and

sexism that prevents regular reproductive and sexual health care to poor immigrant communities--and the subsequent deaths of other immigrant family members who are mourned in the dissociative states amidst the depressive trauma that opens the book. The dissociative states that mark the middle--a surreal kind of shadowland where the narrator encounters her animal self and ancestors imagined as animals faces brutal surreal challenges on the way back to life beyond trauma--is a kind of mictlan, reimagined as a state of constant mourning that challenges American notions of "healing" from trauma, and rather acknowledges sadness, mourning, and memory as a necessary state of constant awareness to forge a "way back" toward a broader

healing of earth, time, body, history.
On Some Hispanoluso Miniaturists Coffee
 House Press

On a slab that's all Katrina left of her Mississippi home, Tiger tells her story, and it is as American as Horatio Alger, Schwab's Pharmacy, and a tent revival. She was a stripper, but is she now a performance artist and best-selling author, and it is really Barbara Walters she's narrating this tale to? We're too dazzled to know more than that this is about how a girl ends up in the backwash of decadence and sin and how out of the flotsam and jetsam she might construct a story of herself and the South to carry her to salvation. Serial killers, preachers, and prison flower-arranging classes. Bikers, bad boyfriends, and a stripper who

performed as a Trans Am. Tiger has seen it all and as she sits on her slab, identifying anecdotes as they go by, we witness Selah Saterstrom at her greatest—funny, bawdy, and steeped in the landscape and all the devastation it has created and absorbed. Selah Saterstrom is the author of the novels *The Pink Institution*, *The Meat and Spirit Plan*, and *Slab*, all published by Coffee House Press. She is also the author of *Tiger Goes to the Dogs*, a limited edition letterpress project published by *Nor By Press*. Her prose, poetry, and interviews can be found in publications such as *The Black Warrior Review*, *Postroad*, *Tarpaulin Sky*, *Fourteen Hills*, and other places. She is the director of the PhD program in creative writing at the University of Denver and teaches and

lectures throughout the United States.

Grief Sequence Graywolf Press
kith [noun] one's friends, acquaintances, neighbours, or relations. In *Kith*, award-winning writer Divya Victor engages Indian-American diasporic culture in the twentieth century, via an autobiographical account that explores what 'kith' might mean outside of the national boundaries of those people belonging to the Indian and South East Asian diasporas. Through an engagement with the effects of globalization on identity formation, cultural and linguistic exchange, and demographic difference, *Kith* explores questions about race and ethnic difference: How do 'brownness' and 'blackness' emerge as traded commodities in the transactions of

globalization? What are the symptoms of belonging? How and why does 'kith' diverge from 'kin,' and what are the affects and politics of this divergence? Historically-placed and well-researched, *Kith* is an unflinching and simultaneous account of both systemic and interpersonal forms of violence and wounding in the world today. Praise for *Kith*: "For Divya Victor, history is a wound. And the poet's language is bright like the white bandage on which blood shows more clearly. What we have on display in this book is an imagination that is as wide as the world. Part-anthem, part-instruction manual, part-memoir, part-dictionary, this text offers testimony to other ways of being and remembering, a reflection on forgotten lives. I read most of *Kith* in airplanes and

airports, and found myself paying greater attention to everyone around me. I was grateful for Victor's long sentences that spilled into seemingly every corner of our contemporary reality--these sentences that describe so well our locked destinies and, at the same time, perhaps because of their wit, or vitality, or compassion, deliver us into liberated zones of heightened consciousness." -- Amitava Kumar, author of *A Foreigner Carrying in the Crook of His Arm A Tiny Bomb* Kith is a luminous work of "Multiple Telling with Multiple Offering," as Theresa Hak Kyung Cha might say, the dead fluttering out of her thrifted coats with kith in their mouths. Kith, like neighbor, friend, enemy, or community, is a kind of conceptual limit, "not of blood and yet

belonging"; not kin, which it is often confused with, but kindred, kinship, and also knowledge. Yet in Kith, it turns out that kith is also kin and kin is also kith and the neighbor is also friend, enemy, and the other neighbor's neighbor, and "we" are all stuck here at the limits of language grasping for new forms of community and belonging when those words suck too yet refuse to burn. Lodged within this "atlas of mangle" known as now-time is something at the helm of being named--Kith's offering, Kith's knowledge, Kith's open boat, Kith's astounding "shriek frightful." Where were you when it will happen? --Rachel Zolf

A Little Book on Form U of Minnesota Press

What does it mean to dwell in a place?

These adventurous poems go on foot in search of answers. Walking the cities, coasts, forests and mountains of Northern California and New England, they immerse themselves in the specifics of bioregion and microclimate, and take special note of the cycle of death and rebirth that plays out dramatically in California's chaparral and grasslands. Inspired by Transcendentalism, Companion Grasses sees the sacred in the workings of the material world, but its indebtedness to the ecological tradition of California

poets like Gary Snyder and Brenda Hillman means that it also unearths such evidence in the sensual materiality of words themselves. Both ecologically rich landscapes and highly rhythmic inscapes, these poems set seasonal and human dramas side-by-side, wresting an original, signature music from the meeting of site and sight. In pursuing an aesthetics situated in place, they compose an ethics of what it means to be a human companion to the natural world: "What we love, how we care for it, /is where we live."

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