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Notes on the Mosquito

HarperCollins

Presents a new translation of the Anglo-Saxon epic chronicling the heroic adventures of Beowulf, the Scandinavian warrior who saves his people from the ravages of the monster Grendel and Grendel's mother.

New American Poets Akron Poetry

A rich, poetic, and socially relevant version of the great spiritual-philosophical classic of Taoism, the Tao Te Ching—from a legendary literary icon Most people know Ursula K. Le Guin for her extraordinary science fiction and fantasy. Fewer know just

how pervasive Taoist themes are to so much of her work. And in Lao Tzu: Tao Te Ching, we are treated to Le Guin's unique take on Taoist philosophy's founding classic. Le Guin presents Lao Tzu's time-honored and astonishingly powerful philosophy like never before. Drawing on a lifetime of contemplation and including extensive personal commentary throughout, she offers an unparalleled window into the text's awe-inspiring, immediately relatable teachings and their inestimable value for our troubled world. Jargon-free but still faithful to the poetic beauty of the original work, Le Guin's unique translation is sure to be welcomed by longtime readers of the Tao Te Ching as well as those discovering the text for the first time.

The Odes of Horace
Milkweed+ORM
"Kill class is based on

two years of fieldwork the author conducted within combat trainings in simulated Middle Eastern villages erected by the US military across America"--

If by Song David R. Godine Publisher
One of America's leading journalists probes the recreational lives of people of all ages, examining what Americans do for recreation, from rock climbing to rodeo, sumo wrestling to slow-pitch softball, boomerangs to bowling,
Love Took the Words University of Chicago Press
A Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in

Poetry A stunning new collection by the award-winning young poet and translator Like, that currency of social media, is a little word with infinite potential; it can be nearly any part of speech. Without it, there is no simile, that engine of the lyric poem, the lyre's note in the epic. A poem can hardly exist otherwise. In this new collection, her most ambitious to date, *A. E. Stallings* continues her archeology of the domestic, her odyssey through myth and motherhood in received and invented forms, from sonnets to syllabics. *Stallings* also eschews the poetry volume's conventional sections for the arbitrary order of the alphabet. Contemporary Athens itself, a place never dull during the economic and migration crises of recent years, shakes off the dust of history and emerges as a vibrant character. Known for her wry and musical lyric poems, *Stallings* here explores her themes in greater depth, including the bravura performance *Lost and Found*, a meditation in ottava rima on a parent's sublunary dance with daily-ness and time, set in the moon's Valley of Lost Things.

Lao Tzu: Tao Te Ching
Macmillan + ORM

An Electric Literature "Most Anticipated Poetry Book of 2021" From the intersection of Onondaga, Japanese, Cuban, and Appalachian cultures, Benjamin Naka-Hasebe Kingsley's newest collection arrives brimming with personal and political histories. " ' You tell me how I was born what I am, ' " demands Naka-Hasebe Kingsley—of himself, of the reader, of the world. The poems of *D mos: An American Multitude* seek answers in the

Haudenosaunee story of The Lake and Her children; in the scope of a .243 aimed at a pregnant doe; in the D gen poem jotted on a napkin by his obaasan; in a flag burning in a church parking lot. Here, Naka-Hasebe Kingsley places multiracial displacement, bridging disparate experiences with taut, percussive language that will leave readers breathless. With astonishing formal range, *D mos* also documents the intolerance that dominates American society. What can we learn from mapping the genealogy of a violent and loud collective? How deeply do anger, violence, and oppression run in the blood? From adapted Punnett squares to Biblical epigraphs to the ghastly comment section of a local news website, *D mos* diagrams surviving America as an other-ed American—and it refuses to flinch from the forces that would see that multitude erased. *D mos* is a resonant proclamation of identity and endurance from one of the most intriguing new voices in American letters—a voice singing " long on America as One / body but many parts. "

D mos Farrar, Straus and Giroux

A collection born of polyphony and the rhythms of our cosmos—intimate in its stakes, celestial in its dreams. *Tethered to Stars* inhabits the deductive tongue of astronomy, the oracular throat of astrology, and the living language of loss and desire. With an analytical eye and a lyrical heart, Fady Joudah shifts deftly between the microscope, the telescope, and

sometimes even the horoscope. His gaze lingers on the interior space of a lung, on a butterfly poised on a filament, on the moon temple atop Huayna Picchu, on a dismembered live oak. In each lingering, Joudah shares with readers the palimpsest of what makes us human: " We are other worms / for other silk roads. " The solemn, the humorous, the erotic, the transcendent—all of it, in Joudah's poems, steeped in the lexicon of the natural world. " When I say honey, " says one lover, " I ' m asking you whose pollen you contain. " " And when I say honey, " replies another, " you grip my sweetness / on your life, stigma and anthophile. " Teeming with life but tinged with a sublime proximity to death, *Tethered to Stars* is a collection that flows " between nuance and essentialization, " from one of our most acclaimed poets.

Beowulf Shambhala Publications

David Ferry, the acclaimed poet and translator of *Gilgamesh*, has made an inspired translation of the complete *Odes of Horace*, one that conveys the wit, ardor and sublimity of the original with a music of all its own. The Latin poet Horace is, along with his friend Virgil, the most celebrated of the poets of the reign of the Emperor Augustus, and, with Virgil, the most influential. These marvelously

constructed poems with their unswerving clarity of vision and their extraordinary range of tone and emotion have deeply affected the poetry of Shakespeare, Ben Jonson, Herbert, Dryden, Marvell, Pope, Samuel Johnson, Wordsworth, Frost, Larkin, Auden, and many others, in English and in other languages. This ebook edition includes only the English language translation of the Odes. As Rosanna Warren noted about Ferry's work in *The Threepenny Review*, "We finally have an English Horace whose rhythmical subtlety and variety do justice to the Latin poet's own inventiveness, in which emotion rises from the motion of the verse . . . To sense the achievement, one has to read the collection as a whole . . . and they can take one's breath away even as they continue breathing." *What Stirs* Etruscan Press Winner of the 2012 National Book Award for Poetry. To read David Ferry's *Bewilderment* is to be reminded that poetry of the highest order can be made by the subtlest of means. The passionate nature and originality of Ferry's prosodic daring works astonishing transformations that take your breath away. In poem after poem, his diction modulates beautifully between plainspoken high eloquence and colloquial vigor, making

his distinctive speech one of the most interesting and ravishing achievements of the past half century. Ferry has fully realized both the potential for vocal expressiveness in his phrasing and the way his phrasing plays against—and with—his genius for metrical variation. His vocal phrasing thus becomes an amazingly flexible instrument of psychological and spiritual inquiry. Most poets write inside a very narrow range of experience and feeling, whether in free or metered verse. But Ferry's use of meter tends to enhance the colloquial nature of his writing, while giving him access to an immense variety of feeling. Sometimes that feeling is so powerful it's like witnessing a volcanologist taking measurements in the midst of an eruption. Ferry's translations, meanwhile, are amazingly acclimated English poems. Once his voice takes hold of them they are as bred in the bone as all his other work. And the translations in this book are vitally related to the original poems around them. From *Bewilderment*: October The day was hot, and entirely breathless, so The remarkably quiet remarkably steady leaf fall Seemed as if it had no cause at all. The ticking sound of falling leaves was like The ticking sound of gentle rainfall as They gently fell on leaves already fallen, Or as, when as they passed them in their falling, Now and again it happened

that one of them touched One or another leaf as yet not falling, Still clinging to the idea of being summer: As if the leaves that were falling, but not the day, Had read, and understood, the calendar. The BOOK OF JOB University of Chicago Press Presents the seventh collection of poems by the 2012 National Book Award finalist in poetry. Watching Them Be W. W. Norton & Company "A deeply beautiful book, with the fierce galloping pace of a great novel."—Liz Rosenberg *Boston Globe* Informed by the death of a beloved brother, here are the stories of childhood, its thicket of sex and sorrow and joy, boys and girls growing into men and women, stories of a brother who in his dying could teach how to be most alive. *What the Living Do* reflects "a new form of confessional poetry, one shared to some degree by other women poets such as Sharon Olds and Jane Kenyon. Unlike the earlier confessional poetry of Plath, Lowell, Sexton et al., Howe's writing is not so much a moan or a shriek as a song. It is a genuinely feminine form . . . a poetry of intimacy, witness, honesty, and relation" (*Boston Globe*). *Drunk on the Wine of the Beloved* Macmillan

The poems in *Recalculating* take readers on a journey through the history and poetics of the decades since the end of the Cold War as seen through the lens of social and personal turbulence and tragedy.

The Translator of Desires Oxford University Press

A masterpiece of Arabic love poetry in a new and complete English translation *The Translator of Desires*, a collection of sixty-one love poems, is the lyric masterwork of Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi (1165 – 1240 CE), one of the most influential writers of classical Arabic and Islamic civilization. In this authoritative volume, Michael Sells presents the first complete English translation of this work in more than a century, complete with an introduction, commentary, and a new facing-page critical text of the original Arabic. While grounded in an expert command of the Arabic, this verse translation renders the poems into a natural, contemporary English that captures the stunning beauty and power of Ibn 'Arabi's poems in such lines as "A veiled gazelle's / an amazing sight, / her henna hinting, / eyelids signalling // A pasture between / breastbone and spine / Marvel, a garden / among the flames!"

The introduction puts the poems in the context of the Arabic love poetry tradition, Ibn 'Arabi's life and times, his mystical thought, and his "romance" with Ni'm, the young woman whom he presents as the inspiration for the volume—a relationship that has long

fascinated readers. Other features, following the main text, include detailed notes and commentaries on each poem, translations of Ibn 'Arabi's important prefaces to the poems, a discussion of the sources used for the Arabic text, and a glossary. Bringing *The Translator of Desires* to life for contemporary English readers as never before, this promises to be the definitive volume of these fascinating and compelling poems for years to come.

Periplum and Other Poems, 1987-1992 New Directions Publishing Corporation Poetry. Translated from the French by Heather Green. Bilingual Edition. In *NOONTIMES WON*, Tristan Tzara floods the pages with a torrent of images. In Heather Green's translation of Tzara's 1939 collection, in cosmic imagery beside communist imagery, we see Tzara's peripatetic mind haunted by the death and destruction he'd witnessed in Madrid and elsewhere in Spain during the Spanish Civil War.

Unpunctuated lines move like gears, one phrase turning into the next in a relentless forward motion. By contrast, the voice, at times halting and desolate, is made of a profoundly human doubt: "I sang I bit the hook / of what I know." Recalculating Shambhala Publications

"Love took the words right out of my mouth." So begins the first line of Christopher Jane Corkery's poignant and unforgettable new collection of poems. Throughout the work these two themes--the power and mystery of language, especially the crafted one of poetry, and what Keats called "the holiness of the heart's affections"--intertwine, accumulating a rich panoply of associations and meanings. The occasions for Corkery's poems are often domestic: the thrill of youthful romance, of marriage and family, of children inventing new worlds. Yet here also are a poet's acts, psychological and spiritual, in a life which, like every reader's life, contains plenty and its absence all at once. Objects matter here--a bread board, a swing, a still life--but so do places (from New England to Paris and Seville). The poet is also joined by the ghostly presences of poets and mystics, from Teresa of Avila, John Keats, and George Herbert to Emily Dickinson and William Butler Yeats. Again and again Corkery is drawn to the essential way in which poetry enacts love. In fullness or in scarcity, in loving or in grief, both writer and reader are engaged,

fulfilling the contract of poetry.
Kill Class Penguin Books
New York Times Bestseller
• Named one of the Best Books of the Year by NPR, O: The Oprah Magazine, San Francisco Chronicle, Christian Science Monitor and Newsweek “Kingsolver brilliantly captures both the price of profound change and how it can pave the way not only for future generations, but also for a radiant, unexpected expansion of the heart.” — O: The Oprah Magazine
The acclaimed author of *The Poisonwood Bible* and *The Bean Trees*, and recipient of numerous literary awards—including the National Humanities Medal, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, and the Orange Prize—returns with a story about two families, in two centuries, navigating what seems to be the end of the world as they know it. With history as their tantalizing canvas, these characters paint a startlingly relevant portrait of life in precarious times when the foundations of the past have failed to prepare us for the future. How could two hardworking people do everything right in life, a woman asks, and end up destitute? Willa Knox

and her husband followed all the rules as responsible parents and professionals, and have nothing to show for it but debts and an inherited brick house that is falling apart. The magazine where Willa worked has folded; the college where her husband had tenure has closed. Their dubious shelter is also the only option for a disabled father-in-law and an exasperating, free-spirited daughter. When the family's one success story, an Ivy-educated son, is uprooted by tragedy he seems likely to join them, with dark complications of his own. In another time, a troubled husband and public servant asks, How can a man tell the truth, and be reviled for it? A science teacher with a passion for honest investigation, Thatcher Greenwood finds himself under siege: his employer forbids him to speak of the exciting work just published by Charles Darwin. His young bride and social-climbing mother-in-law bristle at the risk of scandal, and dismiss his worries that their elegant house is unsound. In a village ostensibly founded as a benevolent Utopia, Thatcher wants only to honor his duties, but his friendships

with a woman scientist and a renegade newspaper editor threaten to draw him into a vendetta with the town's powerful men. A timely and "utterly captivating" novel (San Francisco Chronicle), *Unsheltered* interweaves past and present to explore the human capacity for resiliency and compassion in times of great upheaval.
Translating the Lilies Back Into Lists W. W. Norton & Company
The best and most eloquent introduction to Dante for our time. Prue Shaw is one of the world's foremost authorities on Dante. Written with the general reader in mind, *Reading Dante* brings her knowledge to bear in an accessible yet expert introduction to his great poem. This is far more than an exegesis of Dante's three-part *Commedia*. Shaw communicates the imaginative power, the linguistic skill and the emotional intensity of Dante's poetry—the qualities that make the *Commedia* perhaps the greatest literary work of all time and not simply a medieval treatise on morality and religion. The book provides a graphic account of the complicated geography of Dante's version

of the afterlife and a sure guide to thirteenth-century Florence and the people and places that influenced him. At the same time it offers a literary experience that lifts the reader into the universal realms of poetry and mythology, creating links not only to the classical world of Virgil and Ovid but also to modern art and poetry, the world of T. S. Eliot, Seamus Heaney and many others. Dante's questions are our questions: What is it to be a human being? How should we judge human behavior? What matters in life and in death? Reading Dante helps the reader to understand Dante's answers to these timeless questions and to see how surprisingly close they sometimes are to modern answers. Reading Dante is an astonishingly lyrical work that will appeal to both those who've never read the *Commedia* and those who have. It underscores Dante's belief that poetry can change human lives.

Is That a Fish in Your Ear?
Faber & Faber
One of The New York Times' 10 Favorite Poetry Books of 2014 An astonishing new collection from one of our finest emerging poets A shark's tooth, the shape-shifting

cloud drifting from a smokestack, the smoke detectors that hang, ominous but disregarded, overhead—very little escapes the watchful eye of Joshua Mehigan. The poems in *Accepting the Disaster* range from lyric miniatures like "The Crossroads," a six-line sketch of an accident scene, to "The Orange Bottle," an expansive narrative page-turner whose main character suffers a psychotic episode after quitting medication. Mehigan blends the naturalistic milieu of such great chroniclers of American life as Stephen Crane and Studs Terkel with the cinematic menace and wonder of Fritz Lang. Balanced by the music of his verse, this unusual combination brings an eerie resonance to the real lives and institutions it evokes. These poems capture with equal tact the sinister quiet of a deserted Main Street, the tragic grandiosity of Michael Jackson, the loneliness of a self-loathing professor, the din of a cement factory, and the saving grandeur of the natural world. This much-anticipated second collection is the work of a nearly unrivaled craftsman, whose first book was called by Poetry "a work of some poise

and finish, by turns delicate and robust."

The Penguin Book of New Zealand Verse Slant Books This unique translation of the Old Testament book, with reflections on Judaism's mournful history, "not only allows but demands rereading" (Pleiades). Distinguished poet David R. Slavitt here provides a translation of and meditation upon the Book of Lamentations, the biblical account of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 587 B.C., on the ninth day of the Jewish month of Av—Tish'a b'Av. (Six centuries later the Romans destroyed the second Temple on the same day.) Most of the Jewish population was deported to Babylon, and the ensuing period came to be known as the Babylonian Captivity. According to tradition, the Book of Lamentations was written in response to this political, social, and religious crisis. The five poems composing the book express Israel's sorrow, brokenness, and bewilderment before God. Tish'a b'Av is the day on which observant Jews fast and pray. And mourn. As Slavitt observes in his meditation: "It is forbidden on Tish'a b'Av even to study the Torah, except for the Book of Job and the Book of Lamentations. This is the day on which we

grieve for every terrible thing that happens in this world. It is the worst day of the year. ” Slavitt ’ s meditation provides a context for reading the scriptural text. Cast in the same style as the Hebrew poetry, his meditation recounts how sorrow and catastrophe have characterized so much of the history of the Jewish people, from their enslavement in Egypt to the Holocaust of Nazi Germany. Few translations of this remarkable book of the Bible attempt to reproduce in English, as Slavitt does here, the Hebrew acrostics. In the original, each verse begins with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet in sequential order; Slavitt elegantly reproduces this effect using the first 22 letters of the English alphabet. More than a structural or mnemonic device, Slavitt argues, the acrostics are “ a serious assertion that the language itself is speaking, that the speech is inspired, and that there is, beyond all the disaster and pain the book recounts, an intricacy and an orderly coherence. ”

Painstaker Harper Perennial Represents David Ferry's poetry and his translations of other poems by Holderlin, Goethe, Montale, Catullus, a Babylonian hymn, Ronsard, Guillen, Baudelaire, Rilke, Goliardic, Gilgamesh, the odes of Horace, the eclogues of Virgil, and two epistles of Horace,.