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Wind in a Box Bagley Wright Lecture

Finalist for the National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award in Poetry One of the New York Times Critics' Top Books of 2018 A powerful, timely, dazzling collection of sonnets from one of America's most acclaimed poets, Terrance Hayes, the National Book Award-winning author of Lighthouse "Sonnets that reckon with Donald Trump's America." -The New York Times In seventy poems bearing the same title, Terrance Hayes explores the meanings of American, of assassin, and of love in the sonnet form. Written during the first

two hundred days of the Trump presidency, these poems are haunted by the country's past and future eras and errors, its dreams and nightmares. Inventive, compassionate, hilarious, melancholy, and bewildered--the wonders of this new collection are irreducible and stunning.

Iona Farrar, Straus and Giroux

From the National Book Award-winning author of Lighthouse, a fascinating collection of graphic reviews, illustrated prose, and visualized poetics addressing the last century of American poetry Over the last twenty-five years, Terrance Hayes has become one of our most exciting and innovative poets. He has also emerged as a perceptive and groundbreaking chronicler of contemporary poetry, with critical work appearing in publications ranging from

Boston Review to The Baffler. His 2018 book on the poet Etheridge Knight, *To Float in the Space Between*, was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award for criticism. This collection of illustrated critical pieces maps Hayes's personal, lyrical imagining of poetry, deconstructs the traditional book review, and argues that drawing can and should be as multidimensional and hybrid-minded as poetry making. It includes pieces about basketball and poetry; an essay that relates Gwendolyn Brooks to Toi Derricotte; an introduction to the work of Wanda Coleman; a book review and epistolary prose-poem hybrid titled "Letter to Yusef"; illustrated "card deck

prose poem” pieces, including an homage to the poet Tim Seibles; selections from an illustrated biographical dictionary of poets of the past hundred years; and a suite of graphic sonnets. It closes with “Questions for Reflection on a Century of American Poetry,” Hayes’s Academy of American Poets Blaney Lecture on contemporary poetry and poetics. These astonishing essays, illustrated by Hayes himself, establish the roots of his own poetic influences and reconstruct modes of poetic engagement, demonstrating what makes a poem both move and be moving and illustrating how drawing itself can be a kind of critical, poetic discourse.

Now It’s Dark Simon and Schuster
A voice for justice, anti-racism, and equality—here is the greatest and most powerful work of the people’s poet, Wanda Coleman. One of the most talked about literary collections of the year is this collection by a beat-up, broke, and Black woman who wrote with anger, humor, and clarity about her life on the margins. Wicked

Enchantment: Selected Poems is a selection of 130 of Coleman’s poems spanning four decades, edited and introduced by Terrance Hayes. Although Coleman was rejected by the literary elites during her lifetime, here’s what people are saying now about Wicked Enchantment: “Wanda Coleman is not just wickedly wise, she is transcendent.” —The Washington Post “These poems are wildly fun and inventive . . . and frequently hilarious; they seem to cover every human experience and emotion.” —The New York Times “Wanda Coleman’s work has that ineffable quality that accompanies poetry you understand in your belly and your head. . . . It is an unmistakable style that propels a Coleman poem, and draws us into it.” —Reginald Dwayne Betts “Wicked Enchantment has words to crack you open and heal you where it counts—hateful and hilarious, heartbroke and hellbent.” —Mary Karr New York Times bestselling author “One of the greatest poets ever to come out of L.A.” —The New Yorker “One of the most exciting, original, deliciously dangerous voices of the

20th century.” —The Irish Times “Required Reading” —Bustle “Best Poetry of 2020” The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Irish Times Winner California Independent Booksellers Alliance’s 2020 Golden Poppy Award for Poetry Hip Logic National Geographic Books Edited by the National Book Award-winning poet Terrance Hayes, the foremost annual anthology of contemporary American poetry returns: “A ‘best’ anthology that really lives up to its title” (Chicago Tribune). The first book of poetry that Terrance Hayes ever bought was the 1990 edition of The Best American Poetry, edited by Jorie Graham. Hayes was then an undergrad at a small South Carolina college. He has since published four highly honored books of poetry, is a professor of poetry at the University of Pittsburgh, has appeared multiple times in the series, and is one of today’s most decorated poets. His brazen, restless poems capture the diversity of American culture with singular artistry, grappling with facile assumptions about identity and the complex repercussions of race history in this country. Always eagerly anticipated, the 2014 volume of The Best American Poetry begins with David Lehman’s “state-of-the-art” foreword

followed by an inspired introduction from Terrance Hayes on his picks for the best American poems of the past year. Following the poems is the apparatus for which the series has won acclaim: notes from the poets about the writing of their poems.

Muscular Music Simon and Schuster

In *Ghost Letters*, one emigrates to America again, and again, and again, though one also never leaves Senegal, the country of one's birth; one grows up in America, and attends university in America, though one also never leaves Senegal, the country of one's birth; one wrestles with one's American blackness in ways not possible in Senegal, though one never leaves Senegal, the country of one's birth; and one sees more deeply into Americanness than any native-born American could. *Ghost Letters* is a 21st century Notebook of a

Return to the Native Land, though it is a notebook of arrival and being in America. It is a major achievement.
—Shane McCrae

Watch Your Language Lighthouse New and selected poems from the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet These songs run along dirt roads & highways, crisscross lonely seas & scale mountains, traverse skies & underworlds of neon honkytonk, Wherever blues dare to travel. *Everyday Mojo Songs of Earth* brings together selected poems from the past twenty years of Yusef Komunyakaa's work, as well as new poems from the Pulitzer Prize winner. Komunyakaa's masterful, concise verse conjures arresting images of peace and war, the natural power of the earth and of love, his childhood in the American South and his service in

Vietnam, the ugly violence of racism in America, and the meaning of power and morality. The new poems in this collection add a new refrain to the jazz-inflected rhythms of one of our "most significant and individual voices" (David Wojahn, *Poetry*). Komunyakaa writes of a young man fashioning a slingshot, workers who "honor the Earth by opening shine / inside the soil," and the sounds of a saxophone filling a dim lounge in New Jersey. As April Bernard wrote in *The New York Times Book Review*, "He refuses to be trivial; and he even dares beauty."

Lighthouse Penguin

A reissuing of *Muscular Music*, the debut poetry collection by Terrance Hayes.

Everyday Mojo Songs of Earth HarperCollins

The fourth collection by the author portrays the light-headedness of a mind trying to

pull against gravity and time. It sets what it means to be "light longing for lightness" against what it means to "burn with all the humanity fire strips away." Hayes navigates melancholy, irreverence, and the sublime.--From publisher description.

House Crossing Wesleyan University Press

The third collection of poetry from the author of *Lighthouse*, winner of the 2010 National Book Award Watch for the new collection of poetry from Terrance Hayes, *American Sonnets for My Past and Future Assassin*, coming in June of 2018 Terrance Hayes is an elegant and adventurous writer with disarming humor, grace, tenderness, and brilliant turns of phrase. He is very much interested in what it means to be an artist and a black man. In his first collection, *Muscular Music*, he took the reader through a

living library of cultural icons, from Shaft and Fat Albert to John Coltrane and Miles Davis. His second collection, *Hip Logic*, continued these explorations of popular culture, fatherhood, cultural heritage, and loss. *Wind in a Box*, Hayes's resonant new collection, continues his interest in how traditions (of poetry and culture alike) can be simultaneously upended and embraced. The struggle for freedom (the wind) within containment (the box) is the unifying motif as Hayes explores how identity is shaped by race, heritage, and spirituality. This new book displays not only what the *Los Angeles Times* calls the range of a "bold virtuoso," but also the imaginative fervor of a poet in love with poetry.

Ordinary Beast Penguin

"The cross-section of poets with varying poetics and styles gathered here is only one of the many admirable achievements of this volume." --Claudia Rankine in the *New York Times* The *Golden Shovel* Anthology celebrates the life and work of poet and civil rights icon Gwendolyn Brooks through a dynamic new poetic form, the *Golden Shovel*, created by National Book Award-winner Terrance Hayes. An array of writers—including winners of the Pulitzer Prize, the T. S. Eliot Prize, and the National Book Award, as well as a couple of National Poets Laureate—have written poems for this exciting new anthology: Rita Dove, Billy Collins, Danez Smith, Nikki Giovanni, Sharon Olds, Tracy K. Smith, Mark Doty, Sharon Draper, Richard Powers, and Julia Glass are just a few of the

contributing poets. This second edition includes Golden Shovel poems by two winners and six runners-up from an international student poetry competition judged by Nora Brooks Blakely, Gwendolyn Brooks's daughter. The poems by these eight talented high school students add to Ms. Brooks's legacy and contribute to the depth and breadth of this anthology.

The Golden Shovel Anthology BOA Editions, Ltd.

A powerful, timely, dazzling new collection of poems from the National Book Award-winning author of *Lighthouse* Since the publication of his first collection, *Muscular Music*, in 1999, Terrance Hayes has been one of America's most exciting and innovative poets, winning acclaim for sly, twisting, jazzy poems that put "invincibly restless wordplay at the service of strong

emotions" (The New York Times Book Review). A tree frog sings to overcome its fear of birds, talking cats tell jokes in the Jim Crow South, and a father addresses his daughter in the lyric fables, folk sonnets, quarantine quatrains, and ekphrastic do-it-yourself sestinas of *So to Speak*, Hayes's seventh collection. Bob Ross paints your portrait, green beans bling in the mouth of Lil Wayne, and elegies for the late David Berman and George Floyd unfold amid the pandemic. These wondrous poems are lyric germinations of the often-incomprehensible predicaments of the present, as Hayes shapes language into figures of music and music into figures of language.

Feast Northwestern University Press

One of the most original performance poets of her generation, Melissa Lozada-Oliva has captivated crowds across the country and online

with her vivid narratives. Humorous and biting, personal and communal, self-deprecating and unapologetically self-loving, *peluda* (meaning "hairy" or "hairy beast") is the poet at her best. The book explores the relationship between femininity and body hair as well as the intersections of family, class, the immigrant experience, Latina identity, and much more, all through Lozada-Oliva's unique lens and striking voice. *Peluda* is a powerful testimony on body image and the triumph over taboo.

The Tyranny of E-mail Button Poetry

Winner of the 2010 National Book Award for Poetry Watch for the new collection of poetry from Terrance Hayes, *American Sonnets for My Past and Future Assassin*, coming in June of 2018 In his fourth collection, Terrance Hayes investigates how we construct experience. With one foot firmly grounded in the everyday and the other hovering in the air, his

poems braid dream and reality into a poetry that is both dark and buoyant. Cultural icons as diverse as Fela Kuti, Harriet Tubman, and Wallace Stevens appear with meditations on desire and history. We see Hayes testing the line between story and song in a series of stunning poems inspired by the Pecha Kucha, a Japanese presentation format. This innovative collection presents the light-headedness of a mind trying to pull against gravity and time. Fueled by an imagination that enlightens, delights, and ignites, Lighthouse leaves us illuminated and scorched.

Wind in a Box University of Arkansas Press

House Crossing is a book of 32 poems about where we live or, more properly, dwell, with each poem entitled by a different attribute of domestic architecture as it is commonly known: Cupola, eaves, attic, beams, etc. Such might lend itself to description, but--reminiscent in part of Ronald Johnson's oeuvre (The

Foundations, The Spires and The Ramparts)--in the vision of poet and scholar Laurie Patton each component becomes alive to an actuality beyond physical construct: The poetics of how we hold our ground, even if it is in flux--or as she writes, "A river runs... below the house." The instigation for this poetic cycle is Gaston Bachelard's *The Poetics of Space*, with this collection a homage to that classic phenomenological analysis. As she writes in her introduction, *House Crossing* arose as "a straightforward observation about the endurance of Bachelard's work: if a poetics is good enough, and I believe Bachelard's is, then it does not only comment on poetry, but can give rise to poetry as well." What Patton gives rise to is in part an opportunity for us each to live more evocatively in our days and nights in each our own place, building a being, as "Noah's

ark stands / at the end of our hallway."

To Float in the Space Between Penguin

"A Stahlecker series selection"--P. [4] of series.

Accepting the Disaster Penguin

"Laced with a hopefulness born not just of Patrick Rosal's tremendous gifts as a poet, but of his humanity."--Terrance Hayes In his third collection of poems, Patrick Rosal continues his rhythmic march through a world in which violence and beauty mix all too often--a paradoxical world in which the music of Chopin gives way to a knifing, yet the funk of homelessness cannot stifle the urge for human connection.

Good Woman Parlor Press LLC

A finalist for the 2015 National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award In *How to Be Drawn*, his daring fifth collection, Terrance Hayes explores how we see and are seen. While many of these poems bear the clearest imprint yet of Hayes's background as a

visual artist, they do not strive to describe art so much as inhabit it. Thus, one poem contemplates the principle of blind contour drawing while others are inspired by maps, graphs, and assorted artists. The formal and emotional versatilities that distinguish Hayes's award-winning poetry are unified by existential focus. Simultaneously complex and transparent, urgent and composed, *How to Be Drawn* is a mesmerizing achievement.

What Noise Against the Cane

Penguin

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American Sonnets for My Past and Future Assassin T. S. Poetry Press

To read Tomaž Šalamun is to understand the delights of contemporary poetry. He is one of the major names in the international avant-garde. Irreverent, self-mythologizing, tragic, and visionary, he is a poet of immense range and cunning,

able to encompass everything from Balkan wars and politics to the most intimate personal experiences. *Feast*, his latest collection in English, brings together both early and more recent work. "Realism, surrealism, song. Aphorisms, lyric, anti-lyric," as Jorie Graham wrote, are all to be found in these poems. Here is the most blasphemous of poets who is also a great religious poet. "Throw open a window, pull up a chair, and enjoy the imaginative feast" (Edward Hirsch).

Poetry at Work Penguin

The award-winning president of the National Book Critics Circle examines the astonishing growth of email—and how it is changing our lives, not always for the better. John Freeman is one of America's pre-eminent literary critics; now in this, his first book, he presents an elegant and erudite investigation into a technology that has

revolutionized the way we work, communicate, and even think. There's no question that email is an explosive phenomenon. The first email, developed for military use, was sent less than forty years ago; by 2011, there will be 3.2 billion users. The average corporate employee now receives upwards of 130 emails per day; by 2009 that number is expected to reach nearly 200. And the flood of messages is ceaseless: for increasing numbers of people, email means work now occupies home time as well as office hours. Drawing extensively on the research of linguists, behavioral scientists, cultural critics, and philosophers, Freeman examines the way email is taking a mounting toll on a variety of behavior, reducing time for leisure and

contemplation, despoiling
subtlety and expression in
language, and separating us
from each other in the
unending and lonely battle
with the overfull inbox. He
enters a plea for
communication which is
slower, more nuanced, and,
above all, more sociable.