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The Shared World
Poems

Vievee Francis

A new poetry collection from a winner of the Kingsley-Tufts Poetry Award

The latest collection from award-winning poet Vievee Francis, *The Shared World* imagines the ideas and ideals and spaces of the Black woman. The book delves into inherited memories and restrictions between families, lovers, and strangers and the perception and inconvenient truth of Black woman as mother—with or without child. Francis challenges the ways in which Black women are often dismissed while expected to be nurturing. This raw assemblage of poetic narratives stares down the oppressors from within and writes a new language in the art of taking back the body and the memory. These poetic narratives are brutal in their lyrical blows but tender with the bruised history left behind. “You can’t stop this / song,” she writes. “More hands than yours have closed / around my throat.”

Francis’s lyric gifts are on full display as she probes self-discovery, history, intimacy, and violence. Her voice encompasses humor and gravity, enigma and revelation. What emerges is a realm of intertwined experiences. “The secret to knowing the secret is to speak,” she concludes, “but we too often tell / the stories of no matter and avoid the one story that does matter. / In truth, we are bound by one story, so you’d think by now / we’d tell it, at least to each other.”

VIEVEE FRANCIS is the author of three previous books of poetry: *Blue-Tail Fly; Horse in the Dark: Poems*, winner of the Cave Canem Northwestern University Press Poetry Prize for a second collection; and *Forest Primeval: Poems* (TriQuarterly), winner of the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award and the 2017 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award. In 2009 she received a Rona Jaffe Writer’s Award and in 2010 a Kresge Fellowship. She is an associate professor of English and creative writing at Dartmouth College and serves as an associate editor of *Callaloo*.
I would rather my heart mimic a David Blaine than a Houdini—slights of suffering stillness for broadcasted lifetimes. Not shocking audiences by breaking free.

Endurance is not magic, sadly. Think of everlasting love as a simple chant—an arcane language loop that fuses souls given precise enunciation. Or am I thinking of sorcery? (A wizard might wand your lips into Japanese hornets for calling him a mere magician.)

Regardless, I admire David Blaine for the same reasons many think him a charlatan—that being he is merely a man, one who’ll risk standing within the icy cage of human pain until his nerves numb or he forgets to reclaim consciousness. My heart—it thinks too much, sees opening as an illusion disguising constraint. It fidgets, tucks and rocks with a passion similar to that with which it first dove inside romance’s straitjacket sleeves.

When freed, my heart clambers from out the body’s river of blood. Along the banks, bookies extend their palms to collect from all the patsies who bet that heart could breathe under love.
Panzer Herz
A Live Dissection

Kyle Dargan

A poet’s final barbed compilation that pierces the inherited and self-inflicted experiences of masculinity

The keen and jagged blade that is Kyle Dargan’s eye is drawn in Panzer Herz: A Live Dissection, the final poetic compilation of a lived and inherited masculinity.

Dargan targets the armored heart, or “panzer herz”—a site where desire, violence, family, politics, blackness, and capitalism all intertwine with gender. Pierced with the question—What if the heart, in the aforementioned capacity, was not a constricting vessel, struggling to withstand internal and external pressures, but instead was a space of release?—the collection opens a cis het masculinity to the inquiries and explorations that the traditional conscription of gender discourages and often vilifies.

I long to abandon this violent / vagrancy, but the roads . . . teem with other men who know / no training, who see upon me / my teachers’ marks and ache / for the elicitation of drawn steel.

The denser blades of compassion and accountability are Dargan’s arms of choice to carry, and not conceal, the weapons he uses to probe his own heart and the hearts of the men and women who shaped him into a man that has been . . . and is unbecoming. The poetic paring of layered lines, the nicking of the process, these poems crimson the page—and not for scarlet spectacle. These versed incisions and sutures are the oeuvre dedicated to the outgrowing of the writer and the “man” that began it.

KYLE DARGAN is the author of Anagnorisis (TriQuarterly), which was awarded the 2019 Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize and longlisted for the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry. He has received the Cave Canem Poetry Prize and the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award, and he was a finalist for the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award. Dargan is currently an associate professor of literature and assistant director of creative writing at American University. He also works as the books editor for Janelle Monáe’s creative company, Wondaland.
The Archivists
Stories

Daphne Kalotay

A prize-winning collection of twelve stories by Daphne Kalotay, author of *Russian Winter* and *Blue Hours*

*Winner of the 2021 Grace Paley Prize for Short Fiction*

The characters in *The Archivists* are everyday people, but when private losses or the shocks of history set their worlds reeling, they find connection and liberation in surprising, buoyant ways. Winner of the Grace Paley Prize for Short Fiction, this vibrant collection brings transcendence, wry humor, and a touch of the uncanny to life’s absurdities and catastrophes—whether the 2008 economic crash, fallout after the 2016 presidential election, gentrification, pandemic lockdown, illness, or the intergenerational impacts of the Holocaust and Communist occupation of Eastern Europe.

A hardheaded realist is confronted by both her mortality and a would-be wizard. A thirteen-year-old girl in 1950s Toronto infiltrates the ranks of Bell Canada. A ninety-nine-year-old woman appears to be invincible. A group hikes in Germany, and a solitary woman is pursued on a walk in New Mexico. These deeply moving stories ingeniously consider issues of identity, history, and memory and our shared search for meaning in an off-kilter world.

**DAPHNE KALOTAY** is the author of *Calamity and Other Stories*—shortlisted for the Story Prize—and the award-winning novels *Russian Winter*, *Sight Reading*, and *Blue Hours*. Her work has been published in more than twenty languages, and she has been awarded fellowships from the Christopher Isherwood Foundation, MacDowell, and Yaddo. She teaches at Princeton University and makes her home in Somerville, Massachusetts.

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God Went Like That
A Novel
Yxta Maya Murray

An artful and gripping new novel that recounts the human and environmental damage caused by actual disasters in Simi Valley, California.

In award-winning legal scholar and novelist Yxta Maya Murray's new novel, federal agent Reyna Rodriguez reports on a real-life nuclear reactor meltdown and accidents that occurred in 1959, 1964, and 1968 at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory, an infamous research and development complex in California's Simi Valley, the lab was eventually dismantled by the US government—but not before it created a toxic legacy of contamination and numerous cancer clusters. Toxins and nuclear residue may have been further released by the 2018 Woolsey Fire and 2019 floods in the area.

_God Went Like That_ takes the form of an EPA report in which Reyna presents riveting interviews with individuals affected by the disasters. With imagination and artistry, Murray brings to life an actual 2011 Department of Energy dossier that detailed the catastrophes and the ensuing public health fallout and highlights the high costs of governmental malfeasance and environmental racism.

_YXTA MAYA MURRAY_ is a novelist, art critic, playwright, and law professor. Her most recent books are the story collection _The World Doesn't Work That Way, but It Could_, and the novel _Art Is Everything_. She has won a Whiting Award and an Art Writer's Grant and has been named a fellow at the Huntington Library for her work on radionuclide contamination in Simi Valley, California.

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Direct Sunlight
Stories

Christine Sneed

A collection of twelve stories by award-winning author
Christine Sneed

The stories in *Direct Sunlight*, award-winning author
Christine Sneed's latest, are inspired by the memorable
strangeness of everyday life. The characters in these topically
diverse tales experience events that bring the terms of their day-
to-day lives and their relationships into focus in a way hitherto
foreign to them.

The title story features two adult children learning of their
father's second family long after his death in the 9/11 terrorist
attacks. “Mega Millions” explores the aftermath of a small-town
midwestern factory employee's enormous lottery win. In “Dear
Kelly Bloom,” a young journalist takes on the role of advice
columnist at a faltering Chicago newspaper around the time
of the 2008 financial meltdown and soon finds himself tasked
with replying to his own mother’s letter requesting guidance on
family matters. In “The Monkey's Uncle Louis,” a contentedly
childless man tries to make sense of his sister's decision to adopt
a capuchin monkey after she and her husband find themselves
unable to conceive a baby of their own.

The stories in *Direct Sunlight* rely on humor but are balanced by
Sneed's clear-eyed sobriety about the sorrows inherent in the
human condition.

CHRISTINE SNEED is the author of three novels and two
previous story collections, most recently *Please Be Advised* and
*The Virginity of Famous Men*. She is also the editor of a collection
of short fiction, *Love in the Time of Time’s Up*. Sneed has
received the Grace Paley Prize for Short Fiction and the Chicago
Public Library Foundation’s 21st Century Award, among other
honors, and has published stories in *The Best American Short
Stories* and *O. Henry Prize Stories*. She lives in Pasadena,
California.
Synthetic Jungle
Poems

Michael Chang

A new poetry collection from award-winning author Michael Chang

A vital breath of life arrives in American poetry with *Synthetic Jungle*, the latest collection from acclaimed poet Michael Chang. With poems in a register both hilarious and scathing, *Synthetic Jungle* effortlessly bashes convention while simultaneously rebuilding the language we use to communicate our fears and joys.

*Synthetic Jungle* is a collection written by a brilliant jester who winks at you as you catch their every reference before sharing a laugh at your own self-satisfaction. Themes of identity, sexuality, and literacy play out in a dizzying rhythm of microtheaters. Readers will find themselves gigglng, snorting, and guffawing their way through this work: whether at a repudiation of the literary landscape or a critique of a failing justice system, to laugh along with Chang is to recognize your mistakes and, ultimately, grow from them.

Fractal and kinetic in the quick-witted spirit of John Ashbery and Emily Dickinson, Chang’s tender poems dance around, between, and through the personal and philosophical. *Synthetic Jungle* is as sweet as it is grand, and beneath its sarcastic grin reverberates an immense, open heart.

MICHAEL CHANG (they/them) is the author of several collections of poetry, including *Boyfriend Perspective* and *Almanac of Useless Talents*. Their poems have been nominated for Best New Poets, Best of the Net, and the Pushcart Prize. They were awarded the Poetry Project’s prestigious Brannan Prize in 2021. Tapped to edit Lambda Literary’s *Emerge* anthology, they serve as a poetry editor at the acclaimed journal *Fence*.

Curbstone
Loner Forensics
Poems

Thea Brown

The third collection of poetry from Thea Brown, author of *Think of the Danger*

In *Loner Forensics*, Thea Brown dreams up and dissects a city beset by unexplained disappearances, roving silences, and climate collapse. This sprawling collection comprises a series of interviews with denizens of the shifting city, each mediated through the lonely lens of the Detective, a character whose refractive investigation atomizes the scene. As much a study of complicity as a critique of capitalism’s distortive effects on human emotional response, *Loner Forensics* questions what happens when our innermost terrains become newly unfamiliar in an unraveling natural world.

Dark, fractured, and canny, Brown’s shimmering third collection draws on parallel universes, 1980s video games, social media pop-speak, and ghost towns to immerse the reader in grief, utopia, disaster—and, ultimately, love.

**THEA BROWN** is the author of the chapbook *We Are Fantastic* and two previous poetry collections, *Think of the Danger* and *Famous Times*. Originally from the Hudson Valley in New York, she was a Truman Capote Fellow at the Iowa Writers’ Workshop and now lives in Baltimore.
As If She Had a Say
Stories

Jennifer Fliss

A new story collection from Jennifer Fliss, author of *The Predatory Animal Ball*

Who has a right to tell us how to experience our grief? How to perform—or not perform—the roles society prescribes to us based on our various points of identity?

*As If She Had a Say*, the second story collection from Jennifer Fliss, uses an absurdist lens to showcase characters—predominantly women—plumbing their resources as they navigate misogyny, abuse, and grief. In these stories, a woman melts in the face of her husband’s cruelty; a seven-tablespoons-long woman lives inside a refrigerator and engages in an affair with the man of the house; a balloon-animal artist attends a funeral to discover he was invited as more than entertainment; and a man loses all his nouns.

Fans of Karen Russell and Carmen Maria Machado will appreciate how *As If She Had a Say*’s inventive narratives expose inequities by taking us on imaginative romps through domesticity and patriarchal expectations. Each story functions as a magnifying glass through which we might examine our own lives and see ourselves more clearly.

JENNIFER FLISS (she/her) is a Seattle-based writer whose work has appeared in *F(r)iction, The Rumpus, No Tokens, the Washington Post*, and elsewhere, including two of the Best Short Fiction anthologies. She is the author of the story collection *The Predatory Animal Ball*.
The Heresies of Jan Patočka
Phenomenology, History, and Politics

James Dodd

A nuanced reflection on the meaning and resonance of Patočka's philosophy

Foregrouding the turbulent political and intellectual scene in Czechoslovakia following the Prague Spring in 1968, James Dodd explores the unity of philosophy, history, and politics in Jan Patočka's life and legacy. Dodd presents Patočka as an essential philosopher of modern concepts—such as freedom, subjectivity, and history—and also as an interpreter of prominent thinkers such as Husserl and Heidegger.

Dodd outlines the phenomenology that Patočka, as a late pupil of Husserl and Heidegger, crafted in response to the classical model before turning to his philosophy of history, which was oriented around the problem of Europe and the care for the soul. Finally, Dodd examines Patočka’s role as a dissident intellectual and one of the principal voices of the Charter 77 human rights movement until his death in March 1977.

By situating Patočka’s thought in relation to classical phenomenology and to the political and historical conditions of Central Europe, Dodd illuminates the enduring impact of this key thinker of the twentieth century.

JAMES DODD is a professor of philosophy at the New School for Social Research and Eugene Lang College. His books include Violence and Phenomenology and Crisis and Reflection: An Essay on Husserl’s “Crisis of the European Sciences.”

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Heidegger and the Destruction of Aristotle
On How to Read the Tradition

Sean D. Kirkland

A bold new conception of Heidegger's project of Destruktion as a method of interpreting history

For Martin Heidegger, our inherited traditions provide the concepts through which we make our world intelligible. Concepts we can also oppose, disrupt, and even exceed. First, however, if Western philosophy is our inheritance, we must submit it to Destruktion—starting with Aristotle. Heidegger and the Destruction of Aristotle: On How to Read the Tradition presents a new conception of Heidegger's “destruction” as a way of reading.

Situated between Nietzschean genealogy and Derridean deconstruction, this method uncovers in Aristotle the most vital originating articulations of the Western tradition and gives us the means to confront it. Sean D. Kirkland argues this is not a rejection of the past but a sophisticated and indeed timely hermeneutic tool—a complex, illuminating, and powerful method for interpreting historical texts at our present moment. Acknowledging the historical Heidegger as a politically compromised and still divisive figure, Kirkland demonstrates that Heideggerian destruction is a method of interpreting history that enables us to reorient and indeed transform its own most troubling legacies.

SEAN D. KIRKLAND is an associate professor of philosophy at DePaul University. He is the author of The Ontology of Socratic Questioning in Plato’s Early Dialogues, which won the 2013 Book Award from Symposium.

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Johanna Oksala

A philosophical response that brings together feminist and ecological approaches to solving the global environmental crisis that the capitalist economic system has created.

In the face of ecological catastrophe, neither feminists nor environmentalists have the option of merely supporting an environmental politics that would preserve an imagined nature somewhere outside capitalism. As Johanna Oksala contends, the political goal must be more radical: to challenge the capitalist economic system itself and the mechanisms by which it expropriates life on the planet.

_Feminism, Capitalism, and Ecology_ lays the critical groundwork for this political project. It develops a new way of bringing feminist and ecological responses to capitalism together into a cohesive framework. By exposing the systemic logic by which environmental destruction and gender oppression are jointly rooted in capitalism, Oksala establishes the theoretical foundations for an effective political alliance. The traditions of materialist ecofeminism and Marxist feminism are critical starting points. But the rapid rise of biotechnology and the steady increase of precarity necessitate a model of resistance that responds to the distinctive challenges of contemporary biocapitalism. Timely and urgent, this book articulates a theoretically sophisticated response and maps out our real-world options in this existential struggle.

JOHANNA OKSALA is the Arthur J. Schmitt Professor of Philosophy at Loyola University Chicago. Her books include *Foucault, Politics, and Violence* and *Feminist Experiences: Foucauldian and Phenomenological Investigations*, both published by Northwestern University Press.
Brodsky in English

Zakhar Ishov

A deeply researched account of Joseph Brodsky's evolution in English as a self-translator and a poet in translation

Joseph Brodsky's translations of his own Russian-language poems into English “new originals” have been criticized for their “un-Englishness,” an appraisal based on a narrow understanding of translation itself. With this radical reassessment of the Nobel Prize winner’s self-translations, Zakhar Ishov proposes a fresh approach to poetry translation and challenges the assumption that poetic form is untranslatable.

Brodsky in English draws on previously unexamined archival materials, including drafts and correspondence with translators and publishers, to trace the arc of Brodsky’s experience with the English language. Ishov shows how Brodsky’s belief in the intellectual continuity between his former life in the Soviet Union and his new career in the United States, including as Poet Laureate, anchored his insistence on maintaining the formal architecture of his poems in translation, locating the transmission of poetic meaning in the rhythms of language itself. This book highlights Brodsky’s place within the long history of the compromises translation must make between linguistic material and poetic process.

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Literary Reciprocity in Contemporary Latin America

Isabel C. Gómez

A bold comparative study illustrating the creative potential of translations that embrace mutuality and resist assimilation

Cannibal translators digest, recombine, transform, and trouble their source materials. Isabel C. Gómez makes the case for this model of literary production by excavating a network of translation projects in Latin America that includes canonical writers of the twentieth century, including Haroldo de Campos, Rosario Castellanos, Clarice Lispector, José Emilio Pacheco, Octavio Paz, and Ángel Rama. Building on the avant-garde reclaiming of cannibalism as an Indigenous practice meant to honorably incorporate the other into the self, these authors took up Brazilian theories of translation in Spanish to fashion a distinctly Latin American literary exchange, one that rejected normative and Anglocentric approaches to translation and developed collaborative techniques to bring about a new understanding of world literature.

By shedding new light on the political and aesthetic pathways of translation movements beyond the Global North, Gómez offers an alternative conception of the theoretical and ethical challenges posed by this artistic practice. Cannibal Translation: Literary Reciprocity in Contemporary Latin America mobilizes a capacious archive of personal letters, publishers’ records, newspapers, and new media to illuminate inventive strategies of collectivity and process, such as untranslation, transcreation, intersectional autobiographical translation, and transpeaking. The book invites readers to find fresh meaning in other translational histories and question the practices that mediate literary circulation.

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Mariano Siskind
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Art, Extractivism, and the End of Landscape

Jens Andermann

A sweeping analysis of the lasting effects of neocolonial extractivism in Latin American aesthetic modernity from 1920 to the present.

Looking to the extractive frontier as a focal point of Latin American art, literature, music, and film, Jens Andermann asks what emerges at the other end of landscape. Art in the Global South has long represented and interrogated “insurgent nature”—organic and inorganic matter, human and nonhuman life, thrown into turmoil.

In *Entranced Earth: Art, Extractivism, and the End of Landscape*, Andermann traces the impact of despaisamiento—world-destroying un-landscapeing—throughout the Latin American modernist archive. At the same time, he explores innovative, resilient modes of allyship forged between diverse actors through their shared experiences of destruction. From the literary regionalism of the 1930s to contemporary bio art, from modernist garden architecture to representations of migration and displacement in sound art and film, *Entranced Earth* tracks the crisis of landscape and environmental exhaustion beyond despair toward speculative, experimental forms of survival.

**JENS ANDERMANN** is a professor of Spanish and Portuguese at New York University. His books include *New Argentine Cinema* and *The Optic of the State: Visuality and Power in Argentina and Brazil*. 

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Restaging the Future
Neoliberalization, Theater, and Performance in Britain

Louise Owen

An examination of neoliberal ideology’s ascendance in 1990s and 2000s British politics and society through its effect on state-supported performance practices

Post-Thatcher, British cultural politics were shaped by the government’s use of the arts in service of its own social and economic agenda. *Restaging the Future: Neoliberalization, Theater, and Performance in Britain* interrogates how arts practices and cultural institutions were enmeshed with the particular processes of neoliberalization mobilized at the end of the twentieth century and into the twenty-first.

Louise Owen traces the uneasy entanglement of performance with neoliberalism’s marketization of social life. Focusing on this political moment, Owen guides readers through a wide range of performance works crossing multiple forms, genres, and spaces—from European dance tours, to Brazilian favelas, to the streets of Liverpool—attending to their distinct implications for the reenvisioned future in whose wake we now live.

Analyzing this array of participatory dance, film, music, public art, and theater projects, Owen uncovers unexpected affinities between community-based, experimental, and avant-garde movements. *Restaging the Future* provides key historical context for these performances, their negotiations of their political moment, and their themes of insecurity, identity, and inequality, created in a period of profound ideological and socioeconomic change.

**LOUISE OWEN** is a lecturer in theater and performance at Birkbeck, University of London.
The Crooked Mirror
Plays from a Modernist Russian Cabaret

Edited and translated from the Russian by Laurence Senelick

An anthology of plays from the Crooked Mirror, the leading Russian cabaret of the Silver Age

“Don’t blame the mirror if your mug is crooked!”

Parody dominated early twentieth-century Russian cabaret, but the Crooked Mirror extended its lampooning to theatrical practice itself. Eclectic in its targets, the Saint Petersburg theater mocked not only naturalism but also symbolism, futurism, and “Meyerholditis.” Its shows parodied both the stale conventions of melodrama and opera and the stylized trends in staging, wielding satire to provoke artistic and social reform. Though the theater was liquidated in 1931, many of its innovations would become standard techniques in cabaret repertoires and improv revues.

As a cultural phenomenon of the Silver Age, the Crooked Mirror deserves critical attention, yet it has received only fleeting mention in histories of Russian theater and biographies of its major figures. This anthology fills a critical gap in our understanding of that heady era by bringing together key plays—most appearing in English here for the first time—together with short biographies of their authors and robust commentary and annotations. Laurence Senelick guides readers through the artistic and ideological evolution of the Crooked Mirror and provides performers with the material to bring its innovations back to the stage.

LAURENCE SENELICK is Fletcher Professor Emeritus of Drama and Oratory at Tufts University. His books include Cabaret Performance: Europe, 1890–1940 and Soviet Theatre: A Documentary History.

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Up and Out of Poverty; Memoirs of a Street Activist

Ron Casanova as told to Stephen Blackburn

The gritty and inspiring story of Ron Casanova, who went from homelessness to national homeless advocate

*Each One Teach One* recounts Ron Casanova’s struggle out of poverty, homelessness, and drug addiction to find dignity and purpose in life. Through his own awakening, this Black Puerto Rican activist ultimately finds his salvation in helping other people. Placed in an orphanage on Staten Island at the age of three, Casanova faced overwhelming odds. His story illuminates significant twentieth-century protests, including the 1988 riot at Tompkins Square Park in Manhattan, the “Housing Now” march of the homeless on Washington, DC, in 1989, and community takeovers of housing in Kansas City, New York, and Philadelphia.

Underlying *Each One Teach One*, with its vivid cast of characters and intimate descriptions of Harlem, the Lower East Side, and Tent City, is the profound sense that, no matter what your circumstance, you can use your experience to help others. Ultimately, Casanova’s story demonstrates the possibility of self-sufficiency and self-empowerment. Amid today’s economic crisis and rising homelessness, Casanova’s story brings a message of hope.

RON CASANOVA (1945–2011) was an American activist. At different periods in his life, he was the vice president of the National Union of the Homeless, the editor of the *Union of the Homeless News*, and the director of the Kansas City Union of the Homeless. He also served as the founding director of Artists for a Better America in New York City and as a leader of the Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign.

STEPHEN BLACKBURN grew up in Corpus Christi, Texas, and is a past recipient of a Michener Fellowship. He is the author of the short-story collection *The Extinction of Rhinos in Mexico: Nine Tales of Life and Death* and *The Rock of Abandon*, a murder mystery for the stage set in ancient Athens. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Consuelo Flores.
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