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The Perfect Bastard

Poems

Quinn Carver Johnson

An innovative poetic interrogation of wrestling, queerness, and staying true to oneself

Quinn Carver Johnson's debut collection, *The Perfect Bastard*, follows its titular protagonist, a nonbinary and queer professional wrestler, as they travel across Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Missouri, working for a booker known as the Puppeteer. Inspired by their idol Adrian Street, the Perfect Bastard strives to positively represent queerness and resist the Puppeteer's stereotypical and demeaning kayfabe. In the ring, they face off against the likes of champion Jack Holiday and the First Crusher, but their most important battles, against the Puppeteer, take place behind the scenes. They must choose between person and persona, authenticity and humiliating hype, if they want to succeed in the industry.

When offered success on the grandest scale—the championship belt—in exchange for mocking their own queerness, the Perfect Bastard questions their path: Will they betray their identity to achieve their dream, or will they walk away from the world of professional wrestling—a world that refuses to make a genuine, healthy space for them?

QUINN CARVER JOHNSON (they/them) was the editor-in-chief of the *Aonian*, Hendrix College's literary magazine. Their work has appeared in *Rappahannock Review*, *Right Hand Pointing*, *Cimmaron Review*, *Red Earth Review*, and elsewhere. Carver Johnson currently lives in Tulsa and hosts the People's Poetry reading series.



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An excerpt from Dare the Sea

"We're enemies" were his first words to Nazeer.

He was young, tall with a square face and wondering eyes. There were threads of white in his curly dark hair and a dull-reddish scar running from his chin down his neck. Nazeer remembered the first moment they stood facing each other—Nazeer wondering if he was Iranian and he probably thinking Nazeer was Iraqi.

He asked if Nazeer was from Iraq. "No," he answered, "I'm Iranian."

That was when he said they were enemies.

Nazeer hesitated. "That's possible," he said, "if we were on the other side of the earth. But we're here on this side and thousands of miles away. We can be friends if we want to." He held out his hand from behind the counter. "My name is Nazeer."

After a moment's silence he reached for Nazeer's hand. "I'm Samir," he said.

"Oshloon keifak?"

"You know Arabic?" he asked, surprised.

"No," Nazeer said. "But I'm from Khuzestan in southern Iran, not far from the border with Iraq, and there're many Arabs there." As soon as Nazeer mentioned Khuzestan, he saw the wonder in Samir's eyes intensify and felt his hand tremble. Samir released his hand, put a five-dollar bill down on the counter for the bread, cheese, and cucumbers, and left the store in a hurry. Nazeer watched him walk away beneath the palm trees throwing their shadows like spears over the sidewalk. He seemed to pay no attention to his surroundings and looked strong and proud as he vanished from view.

Every day just before sunset, Samir would come and buy something to eat and a pack of cigarettes and then walk to the beach. Sometimes after Nazeer was finished with work, he would take a couple of cans of soda and join him. Usually he would find him sitting alone on a bench in the shade, his eyes fixed on the sea and the sun. Nazeer would sit next to him and they would eat bread and cheese and talk.

On one of those occasions Samir gestured toward the people swimming and playing on the beach. "Look how carefree they are. Aren't they afraid? One thing that scares me is the sea."

"When I came here," Nazeer said, "I felt that way too."

Samir smiled. "Well, what is the sea to a person born in the desert? If it were a desert I wouldn't be afraid to walk into the center of it, right into its heart. But the sea, no. The place I set my foot must be solid."

The waves stretched back and forth by their feet. "We have a saying in Persian," Nazeer said. "The time comes when a person must dare the sea."

Samir fixed his eyes on Nazeer, as if to question what someone like him, living in Southern California, could possibly know about daring.

There was something about him, Nazeer thought. Maybe it was the mystery in his eyes or the way he didn't seemed to want to connect to anyone, but Nazeer still tried to see if they could be friends.

Dare the Sea Stories

Ali Hosseini

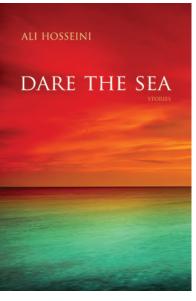
Debut short-story collection in English from acclaimed fiction writer Ali Hosseini

The stories in *Dare the Sea* explore Iran's landscape, culture, and the undercurrent of change affecting its people—both in Iran and the United States. The stories in the first half of the collection are set in Iran in the time before and just after the Iranian Revolution of 1979. Each tale discloses the obstacles rural Iranians lived with on a daily basis and the exigencies of survival: petty theft, corruption, drug trafficking, religion, and love. Stories in the second half take place in exile, where characters are seemingly dropped into American locales like the Midwest or Hawaii, taking in their situation with only the survival skills they've learned in their own land and enduring the hardships of being strangers in a new country.

Loosely interconnected by reappearing characters, the stories in *Dare the Sea* are strongly linked by the country of Iran, its landscape, its history, and its hold on its people.

ALI HOSSEINI is an Iranian American author who writes in Persian and English. He has published two novels in English, *The Lemon Grove* (2012) and *The Place of Stones* (2017), the latter a finalist for the John Gardner Fiction Prize. His short fiction has appeared in *Kenyon Review*, *Antioch Review*, and *Guernica*, among others. He came to the United States as a college student and worked as a farm laborer, construction worker, security guard, and later as an IT specialist. He lives in the Boston area.





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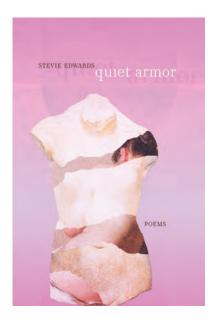
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Stevie Edwards

New poetry from the author of Sadness Workshop

Quiet Armor, the third full-length collection from poet Stevie Edwards, examines how capitalism and patriarchy impact romantic relationships and, more broadly, intimacy. Edwards considers the ways in which confessional performances of vulnerability can be coercive, whether popular culture encourages men to seek validation through sexual excess and aggression, and how we encourage women to be complicit in figurative and literal violence against other women.

Drawing on historical and mythological figures—including Medusa, Persephone, Shakespeare's Lavinia, Saint Agatha, and Saint Christina—Edwards builds a fierce investigation into how rape culture has shaped the literary canon, academia, and the world at large. She brings readers into the quiet and intimate spaces we create despite trauma—or perhaps even because of it. Ultimately, *Quiet Armor* seeks to reclaim positive intimacy, showing us not only the desperate battles but also the healing embraces. All the while, these poems ask us: What does the end of rape culture look like? How do we get there?

STEVIE EDWARDS is a lecturer in the Department of English at Clemson University and poetry editor of the *South Carolina Review*. Her books and chapbooks include *Sadness Workshop*, *Humanly*, and *Good Grief*, and her poems have appeared in *Poetry*, *American Poetry Review*, and elsewhere.





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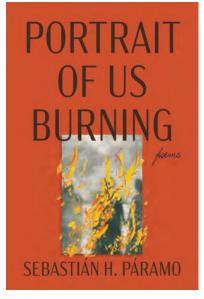
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Sebastián H. Páramo renders a semi-autobiographical collection, utilizing self-portraiture and memory to uncover how his Texan, working-class, Mexican American identity shapes his relationship to his stepbrother and to his family's burning desire to become American.

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SEBASTIÁN H. PÁRAMO has published poems in the Academy of American Poets' *Poem-A-Day, New England Review, Prairie Schooner*, and elsewhere. He is the founding editor of *The Boiler* and serves as poetry editor for *Deep Vellum*. He lives in Texas.





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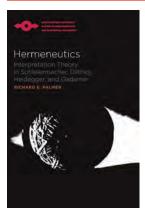
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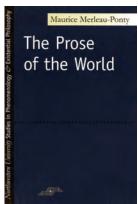
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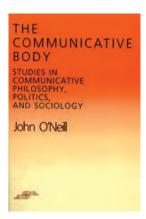
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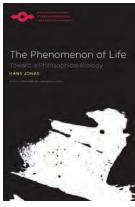
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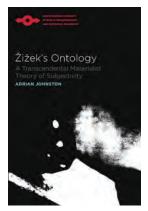
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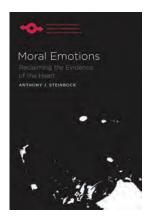
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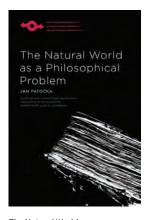
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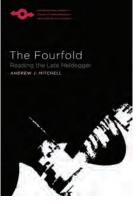
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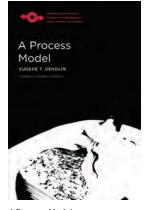
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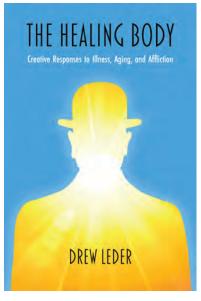
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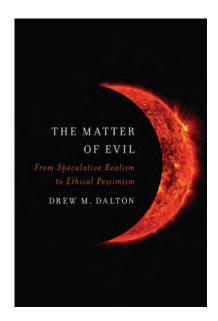
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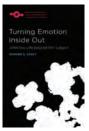
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Daniel Sacilotto
Foreword by Ray Brassier

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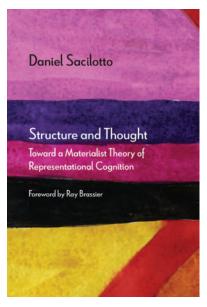
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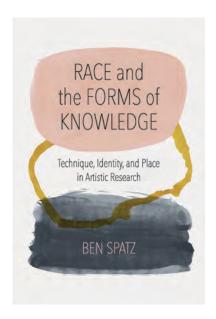
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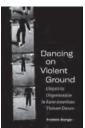
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Race and the Forms of Knowledge: Technique, Identity, and Place in Artistic Research takes inspiration from recent critical studies of blackness and indigeneity to show how artistic research is always involved in the production and transformation of identity. Spatz offers a toolkit of practical methods and concepts—from molecular identities to audiovisual ethnotechnics and earthing the laboratory—for reimagining the university and other contemporary institutions.

BEN SPATZ is a reader in media and performance at the University of Huddersfield.

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.

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LOUISE OWEN is a senior lecturer at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, University of London.





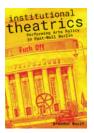
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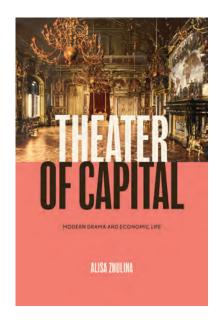
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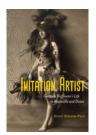
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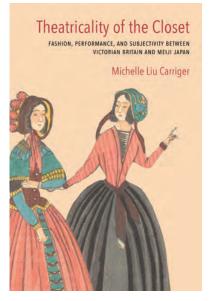
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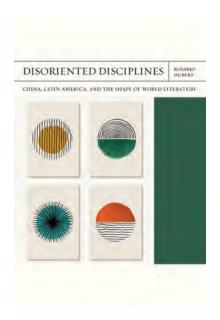
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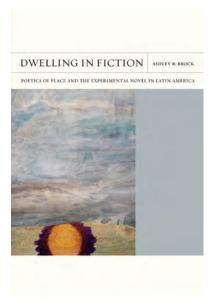
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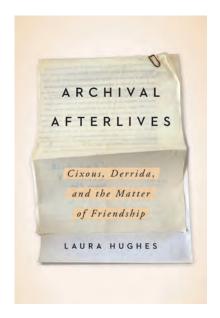
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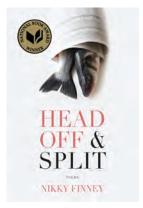
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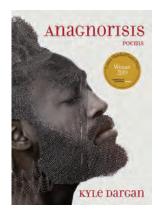
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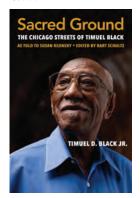
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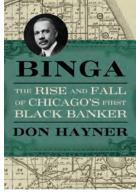
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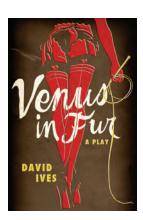
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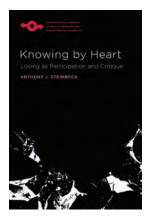
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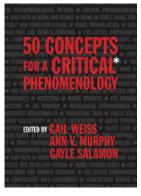
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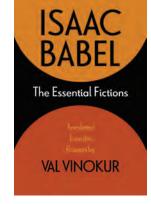
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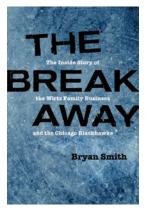
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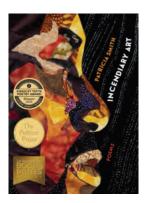
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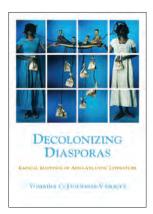
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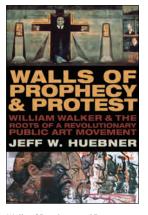
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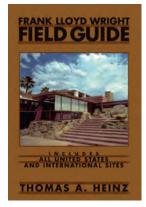
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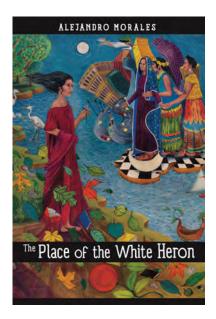
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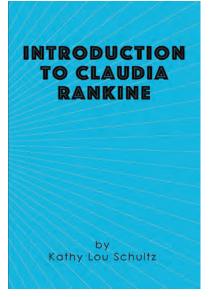
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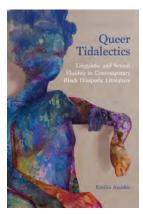
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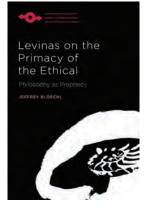


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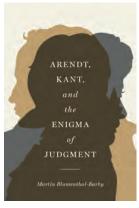
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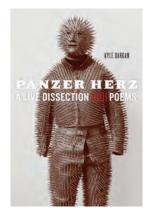
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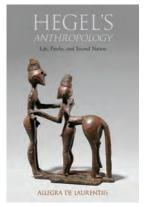
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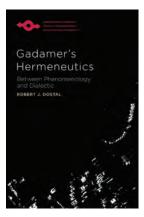
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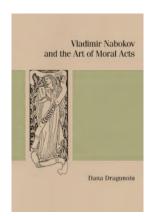
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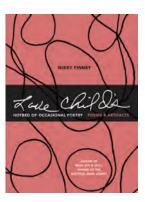
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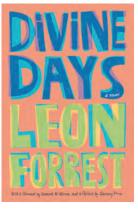
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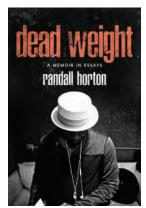
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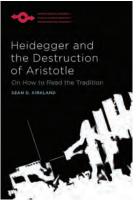


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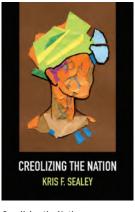
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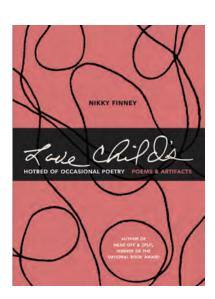
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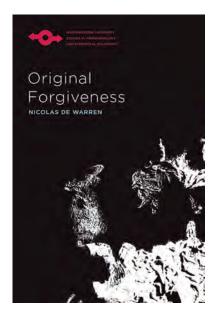


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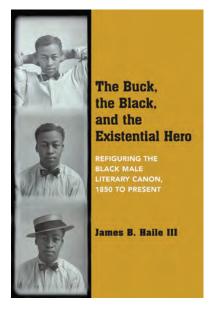
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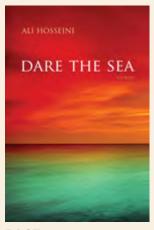
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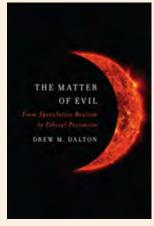
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