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The stirring debut from the winner of the Cave Canem Poetry Prize, selected and introduced by Chris Abani

Heed the Hollow Poems MALCOLM TARIQ

Heed the Hollow introduces the work of Malcolm Tariq, whose poems explore the concept of "the bottom" across blackness, sexuality, and the American South. These lyrics of queer desire meet the voices of enslaved ancestors to reckon with a lineage of trauma that manifests as silence, pain, and haunting memories, but also as want and love. In bops, lyrics, and erasures, *Heed the Hollow* tells of a heritage anchored to the landscape of the coastal South, to seawalls shaped by forced labor, and to the people "marked into the bottom / of history where then now / we find no shadow of life." From that shadow, the voices in these poems make their own brightness, reclaiming their histories from a language that evolved to exclude them. With an introduction by Chris Abani, *Heed the Hollow* exults in the spiritual and the physical, in its blackness and eroticism, and in the beauty of touch and music.

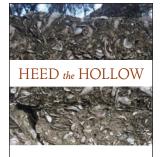
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to unlearn this body, forgive the spectacle it is. *Gallowed be thy name*. I will take it into antiquity. He's never had a black man. I've never had myself. I want to imagine a world in which I am present.

-from "Nocturne: Without Sanctuary"

"[Tariq] charts a neglected history, re-inscribing a loved and loving black body into a narrative of excavation. These poems are lyrically complex, charged, artfully and erotically made. It's a rare and exciting debut."

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Malcolm Tariq

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MALCOLM TARIQ is from

Savannah, Georgia, and is the author of *Extended Play*, winner of the 2017 Gertrude Press Poetry Chapbook Contest. A graduate of Emory University, Tariq has a PhD in English from the University of Michigan. He lives in New York.

Excerpts from In the Dream House

Dream House as Inciting Incident

You meet her on a weeknight, at dinner with a mutual friend in a diner in Iowa City where the walls are windows. She is sweaty, having just come from the gym, her white-blonde hair pulled back in a short ponytail. She has a dazzling smile, a raspy voice that sounds like a wheelbarrow being dragged over stones. She is that mix of butch and femme that drives you crazy.

You and your friend are talking about television when she arrives; you have been complaining about men's stories, men's stories, how everything is men's stories. She laughs, agrees. She tells you she's freshly transplanted from New York, drawing unemployment insurance and applying to MFA programs. She's a writer too.

Every time she speaks, you feel something inside you drop. You will remember so little about the dinner except that, at the end of it, you want to prolong the evening and so you order tea of all things. You drink it—a mouthful of heat and herb, scorching the roof of your mouth—while trying not to stare at her, trying to be charming and nonchalant while desire gathers in your limbs. Your female crushes were always floating past you, out of reach, but she touches your arm and looks directly at you and you feel like a child buying something with her own money for the first time.

Dream House as Time Travel

One of the questions that has haunted you: Would knowing have made you dumber or smarter? If, one day, a milky portal had opened up in your bedroom and an older version of yourself had stepped out and told you what you know now, would you have listened? You like to think so, but you'd probably be lying; you didn't listen to any of your smarter, wiser friends when they confessed they were worried about you, so why on earth would you listen to a version of yourself who wrecked her way out of a time orifice like a newborn?

There is a theory about time travel called the Novikov self-consistency principle, wherein Novikov asserts that if time travel *were* possible, it would still be impossible to travel back in time and alter events that have already taken place. If present-day you could return to the past, you could certainly make observations that felt *new*—observations that had the benefit of real-time hindsight—but you'd be unable to, say, prevent your parents from meeting, since that, by definition, had already happened. To do so, Novikov says, would be as impossible as jumping through a brick wall. Time—the plot of it—is fixed.

No, Novikov's time traveler is the tragic dupe who realizes too late her trip to the past is what sealed the very fate she'd meant to prevent. Maybe you mistook your future voice shouting through the walls for something else: a heartbeat pacing and then rapid with want, a purr. A revolutionary memoir about domestic abuse by the award-winning author of *Her Body and Other Parties*

In the Dream House A Memoir CARMEN MARIA MACHADO

In the Dream House is Carmen Maria Machado's engrossing and wildly innovative account of a relationship gone bad, and a bold dissection of the mechanisms and cultural representations of psychological abuse. Tracing the full arc of a harrowing relationship with a charismatic but volatile woman, Machado struggles to make sense of how what happened to her shaped the person she was becoming.

And it's that struggle that gives the book its original structure: each chapter is driven by its own narrative trope—the haunted house, erotica, the bildungsroman—through which Machado holds the events up to the light, examining them from different angles. She looks back at her religious adolescence, unpacks the stereotype of lesbian relationships as safe and utopian, and widens the view with essayistic explorations of the history and reality of abuse in queer relationships.

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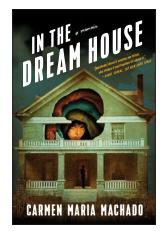
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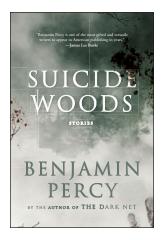
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MACHADO is the author of *Her Body and Other Parties*, which was a finalist for the National Book Award and winner of the National Book Critics Circle's John Leonard Prize. She lives in Philadelphia with her wife.



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A dreamlike evocation of a generation that grew up in the shadow of the dictatorship in 1980s Chile

Space Invaders A Novel NONA FERNÁNDEZ

TRANSLATED FROM THE SPANISH BY NATASHA WIMMER

Space Invaders is the story of a group of childhood friends who, in adulthood, are preoccupied by uneasy memories and visions of their classmate Estrella González Jepsen. In their dreams, they catch glimpses of Estrella's braids, hear echoes of her voice, and read old letters that eventually, mysteriously, stopped arriving. They recall regimented school assemblies, nationalistic class performances, and a trip to the beach. Soon it becomes clear that Estrella's father was a ranking government officer implicated in the violent crimes of the Pinochet regime, and the question of what became of Estrella after she left school haunts her erstwhile friends. Growing up, these friends—from her pen pal, Maldonado, to her crush, Riquelme were old enough to sense the danger and tension that surrounded them, but powerless in the face of it. They could control only the stories they told each other and the "ghostly green bullets" they fired in the video game they played obsessively.

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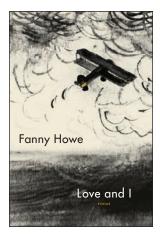
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NONA FERNÁNDEZ was born in Santiago, Chile. She is an actress and writer, and has published two plays, a collection of short stories, and six novels, and was awarded the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Prize.



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Love can do little but walk with the person and suddenly vanish, and that recurrent abandonment makes it necessary for these poems to find a balance between seeing and believing. For Howe, that balance is found in the Word, spoken in language, in music, in and on the wind, as invisible and continuous lyric thinking heard by the thinker alone.

Some who never feel loved keep traveling.

They sense that an airplane will change their fate By separating them from gravity.

They say goodbye to air and pebbles when boarding. Strapped down They must go on living because they have scores to settle.

And when the wings tremble, suddenly they love to talk to God. —from Love and I

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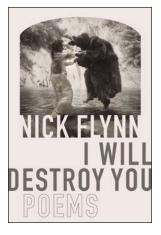
I Will Destroy You interrogates the potential of art to be redemptive, to remake and reform. But first the maker of art must claim responsibility for his past, his actions, his propensity to destroy others and himself. These poems delve into the deepest, most defeating parts of the self: addiction, temptation, infidelity, and repressed memory. *I Will Destroy You* is an honest accounting of all that love must transcend and what we must risk for its truth.

Here's the deal—if you die then I will be able to drink again & no one alive will even blame me—this, child, is the dark wind inside, but not the darkest. —from "Poem to be Whispered by

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The Collector of Leftover Souls

Field Notes on Brazil's Everyday Insurrections ELIANE BRUM TRANSLATED FROM THE PORTUGUESE BY DIANE GROSKLAUS WHITTY

Eliane Brum is a star journalist in Brazil, known for her polyphonic writing that gives voice to people often underrepresented in popular literature. Brum's reporting takes her into Brazil's most marginalized communities: she visits the Amazon to understand the practice of indigenous midwives, stays in São Paulo's favelas to witness the joy of a marriage and the tragedy of young men dying due to drugs and guns, and wades through the mud to capture the boom and bust of modern-day gold rushes. Brum is an enormously sensitive and perceptive interlocutor, and as she visits these places she provides intimate glimpses into both everyday and extraordinary lives: a poor father on the way to bury his son, a street performer who eats glass, a woman living out her final 115 days, and a hoarder rescuing the "leftover souls" of the city.

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The Colonel's Wife

A Novel

ROSA LIKSOM

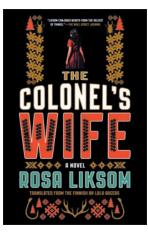
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In the final twilit moments of her life, an elderly woman looks back on her years in the thrall of fascism and Nazism. Both her authoritarian tendencies and her ecstatic engagement with the natural world are terrifyingly and vividly evoked in *The Colonel's Wife*, an astonishing and brave novel that resonates with our own strained political moment.

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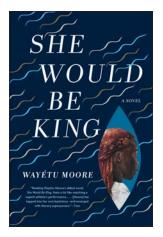
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WAYÉTU MOORE is the

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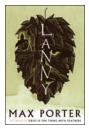
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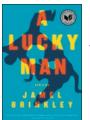
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