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SAEED JONES was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and grew up in Lewisville, Texas. His work has appeared in the New Yorker, the New York Times, and GQ, and he has been featured on public radio programs including NPR’s Fresh Air, Pop Culture Happy Hour, It’s Been A Minute with Sam Sanders, and All Things Considered. He lives in Columbus, Ohio, with his dog, Caesar, and tweets @TheFerocity.

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A novel by Kirmen Uribe
Translated by Elizabeth Macklin

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KIRMEN URIBE writes in Basque. He has written four novels and two poetry collections. His work has been published in the New Yorker and the Paris Review. He was selected for the International Writing Program at the University of Iowa and received a New York Public Library Cullman Center Fellowship. He is now based in New York City, where he teaches at New York University.

ELIZABETH MACKLIN is the author of the poetry collections A Woman Kneeling in the Big City and You’ve Just Been Told. Her translation of Kirmen Uribe’s first poetry book, Meanwhile Take My Hand, was published in 2007, and she has translated numerous multimedia works in which Uribe has been involved.
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ANNA MASCHOVAKIS is the author of the novel Eleanor, or, The Rejection of the Progress of Love and of three books of poetry. Her translation of David Diop’s At Night All Blood Is Black (Frère d’âme) was awarded the 2020 International Booker Prize. Raised in Los Angeles, she has lived in New York since 1993 and currently makes her home in the Western Catskills.
Your Kingdom
Poetry by Eleni Sikelianos

One of our foremost practitioners of ecopoetic exploration, Eleni Sikelianos bends time and space in this ode to our animal origins. From the cellular to celestial, Your Kingdom is an inquisitive and energetic call to “let the body feel all its own evolution inside.”

Our limbs grew from the shoulders of salamanders. Hidden motives bind us to cuckoos and caterpillars. Our faces form biological maps while our organs trace the shapes of our animal ancestors. As she studies the wild roots of our past, vpresent, and future, Sikelianos forms a poetic ecosystem, delighting in the complexity of our natural lineage in the face of environmental precarity. With wonder and verve, Your Kingdom reconnects us through language to our deeply animal origins—to the cellular essence from which all life emerged.

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“[Sikelianos] surveys the field of human endeavors to find new prospects for care amid precarious political contexts.” —BOMB

ELENI SIKELIANOS, the author of nine books of poetry, most recently What I Knew, and two hybrid memoir-novels, was born and grew up in California. She has been at the forefront of ecopoetics and hybrid works since the early 2000s, long exploring environmental, family, and animal lineages. Her work has been widely translated, fêted, and anthologized.

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Bard, Kinetic
Nonfiction by Anne Waldman

In Bard, Kinetic, Anne Waldman assembles a layered compendium of essays, letters, poems, and interviews that form a portrait of her life and praxis as a groundbreaking poet. Waldman charts her journey through a maelstrom of radical artistic activity, from growing up in Greenwich Village to creative partnership with Allen Ginsberg and touring with Bob Dylan. She recalls founding the Poetry Project at St. Mark’s Church and later the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics at Naropa University, and she discusses the political and artistic philosophies that guide her activities as writer, activist, performer, instigator, and Buddhist practitioner. Throughout Bard, Kinetic Waldman pays homage to friends and collaborators, many of whom are no longer with us, including Amiri Baraka, Lou Reed, John Ashbery, and Diane di Prima. Waldman’s experiences serve as a guide for others committed to making the world a conscious and conscientious place that soars with poetry.

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ANNE WALDMAN is the author of numerous volumes of poetry, including the feminist epic The Iovis Trilogy: Colors in the Mechanism of Concealment, which won the PEN Center USA Award for Poetry in 2012. She is a recipient of the Shelley Memorial Award and the Guggenheim Fellowship, and is a chancellor of the Academy of American Poets.
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**LATASHA N. NEVADA DIGGS** is a writer, vocalist and performance/sound artist, and the author of *TwERK*. Diggs has presented and performed at dozens of museums and festivals around the world. She has received a 2020 C.D. Wright Award for Poetry from the Foundation of Contemporary Art, a Whiting Award, and a National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowship, as well as grants and fellowships from Cave Canem, Creative Capital, New York Foundation for the Arts, the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, and others. She lives in Harlem and teaches part-time at Brooklyn College and Stetson University.
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Essays by Laird Hunt

Haunting essays from acclaimed author Laird Hunt balance intimate remembrance with an examination of the writing life.

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—KIRKUS, STARRED REVIEW

LAIRD HUNT is the author of eight novels, a collection of stories, and two book-length translations from the French. He has been a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction and won the Anisfield-Wolf Award for Fiction, the Grand Prix de Littérature Américaine, and Italy’s Bridge Book Award. His work has been published in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and many others. He teaches at Brown University and lives in Providence.
Indiana, Indiana
A novel by Laird Hunt

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“Laird Hunt is a marvelous writer and a gutsy one—in Indiana, Indiana he offers an intimate reverie of people and place that, for its lyricism, odd humor, and delicacy, evokes the early Ondaatje.” —RIKKI DUCORNET

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