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PREFACE

For thirty-five years Aralia Press occupied a special position in the American fine press world. It wasn't the biggest private press. It didn't sell the most expensive or experimental books. Aralia was singular because it pursued a unique goal. Its founder, Michael Peich, created Aralia as a literary enterprise which would print the best new poetry in beautiful editions without any regard to the marketplace.

Aralia was a fine press focused on the literary world rather than the book arts scene. Peich's elegantly designed books were always a delight to see, but they were not conceived primarily as visual *objets d'arte*. They were designed to be held in your hand and read. Peich's pellucid typography and intimate design always operated in the service of the text. Aralia's strategy required that the books be worth reading and indeed rereading. That was Aralia's great distinction—publishing books and broadsides where the writing was as distinguished as the design.

Looking over the Aralia bibliography, one immediately notices the famous names—Richard Wilbur, James Merrill, Weldon Kees, Ray Bradbury, Kay Ryan, Donald Justice, Philip Levine, Wendy Cope, Jim Harrison. Those books demonstrate the prestige which the press enjoyed among writers. More remarkable were the many new writers Peich published. Many of these authors have gone on to significant literary careers. No other fine press of the period published so many first books as Aralia. No other fine press had such an impact on the poetry world. While most private presses published established writers or classic texts, Aralia worked to identify and promote serious new talent. Out of such foolhardy dedication is literary culture reshaped and renewed.

Aralia's combination of astute literary judgment, typographic excellence, and openness to new voices earned Michael Peich a place beside Harry Duncan of Cummington Press and Kim Merker of Windhover Press as one of the great literary fine printers of the last century.

DANA GIOIA, former chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts

Michael Peich had two goals when he founded Aralia Press. He would publish writing by promising young authors to promote their work, and he would carry on the centuries-old tradition of making finely printed books. Founded in 1982, the Aralia Press has published work by a wide range of poets. In his thirty-five year career, Peich has worked with beginning writers, and with famous ones. He learned his craft by studying with John Anderson (Pickering Press), and later through his mentorships with K.K. Merker (Stone Wall and Windhover Press), and Harry Duncan (Cummington Press and Abattoir Books). Although printing is an essentially solitary craft, Peich has had tremendous support from his wife, Dianne, and encouragement from his longtime friend, the poet, and former head of the National Endowment of the Arts, Dana Gioia. All of these people helped shape Aralia Press and made it one of the most influential literary fine presses of the late twentieth, early twenty-first century.

An AIGA Fifty Books of the Year designee (1996), Mike has regularly displayed his work at Oak Knoll Fest, which takes place in Historic New Castle, Delaware every other year during the first weekend in October. We are most appreciative that the West Chester University Poetry Center chose Oak Knoll Books as the home for the Aralia Press inventory. This catalogue will serve as a tribute to Mike, and his devotion to poetry and fine printing.

ROB FLECK

All items listed in this catalogue have been carefully described and are in fine condition unless otherwise noted. Any purchase may be returned within two weeks. Please notify us before returning. All items are offered subject to prior sale. For mailing within the United States please add \$7.50 for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional volume. For all other countries, postage will be determined based on the weight and value of your order. We accept all major credit cards as well as PayPal. Payment in English pounds is also acceptable. All foreign checks must be in US dollars or English pounds and be drawn on a US or English bank, respectively. Orders are regularly shipped within three working days of their receipt.

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Ray Bradbury is the celebrated writer of *Fahrenheit 451*, one of the greatest science fiction novels. *Read My Pages* is Bradbury's final published work and was prepared as a gift for the Egyptian partnership in the NEA's Big Read program.

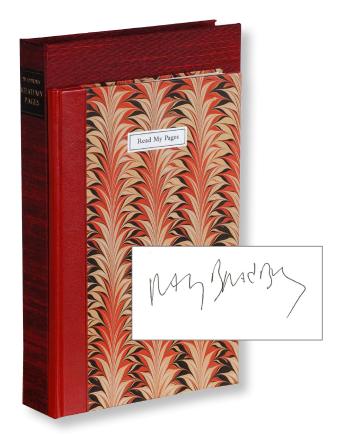
 (Aralia Press) Bradbury, Ray. READ MY PAGES. n.p.: National Endowment for the Arts, 2008, 8vo., quarter leather with marbled paper covered boards, stiff paper wrappers, loose signature of the colophon, cloth covered clamshell box with leather spine label, gilt lettering on spine. variously paginated.

The last publication authored by Ray Bradbury, of which this copy is one of six super deluxe copies. Originally an edition of 125 copies (15 deluxe copies signed by Ray Bradbury and 110 unsigned copies). Signed by Ray Bradbury three times. When the project was underway Michael Peich traveled to California to have Bradbury sign the colophon of the 15 deluxe copies. However, after he had returned to the east coast, he realized he had misspelled Fahrenheit in the colophon! Mike printed a second state with the correct spelling and had Bradbury sign the second states as well. This super deluxe set has a copy of both the deluxe and the regular copies of the publication, as well as a lovely bound edition in quarter leather and marbled paper covered boards. Finally, one of only five copies remaining of the first state of the colophon, with the misprint farenheit, is present, also signed by Bradbury. Truly a remarkable piece of fine press printing from one of the most noted authors of the 20th century. [129671, \$7,500]

2. & 3. (Aralia Press) Bradbury, Ray. **READ MY PAGES.** n.p.: National Endowment for the Arts, 2008, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, paper front cover label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. (12) pages.

Limited to 110 copies. Bembo type on Zerkall paper. A preface written for the Egyptian edition of Fahrenheit 451.

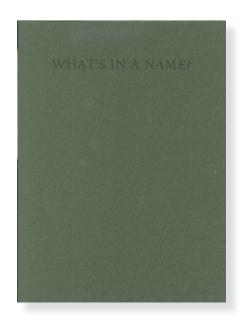
- 2. Standard edition [129587, \$60]
- 3. Natural Cover (Alternatives) edition [129586, \$50]



Read My Pages

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This was produced as a memorial following **J. Peter Adler**'s tragic death in 1995. He was the son of WCU's former president, Madeleine Wing-Adler.

4. (Aralia Press) Adler, J. Peter. **WHAT'S IN A NAME.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1996, 12mo., stiff paper wrappers, cord-tied. unpaginated (12) pages.

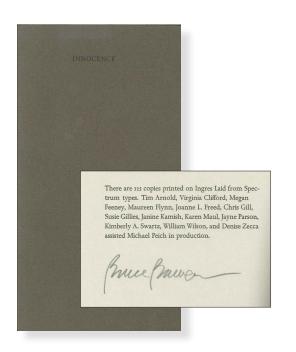
Limited to 200 copies. Spectrum and Romulus Open types on dampened Johannot paper. Biographical sketch of the author. [129558, \$30]

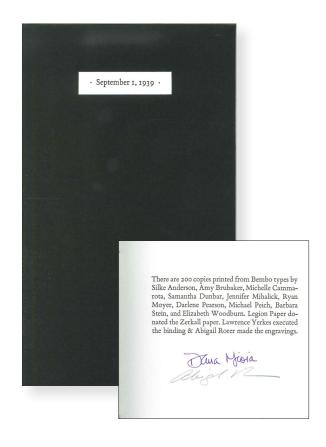
W.H. Auden's poem was reprinted following the attacks on 9-11 and is explained in Dana Gioia's introduction.

5. & **6.** (Aralia Press) Auden, W.H. Intro by Dana Gioia. **SEPTEMBER 1, 1939.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2003, 8vo., cloth, paper front cover label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. (16) pages.

Limited to 200 copies. Bembo type on Zerkall paper. Previously published in W.H. Auden: Collected Poems. A poetic work recalling the beginning of World War II in Europe.

- **5.** Copy signed by Dana Gioia, who wrote the foreword, and engraver Abigail Rorer on colophon copy [**129598**, **\$100**]
- **6.** Standard unsigned copy [**129597**, **\$50**]



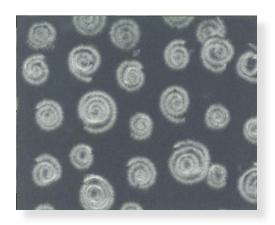


This is the first book of poems by **Bruce Bawer**, a leading literary critic.

7. & 8. (Aralia Press) Bawer, Bruce. INNOCENCE. West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1988, tall 8vo., stiff paper wrappers. unpaginated.

Printed in an edition limited to 125 copies on Ingres Laid paper. Number one of the Aralia Press Chapbook series. Features eight poems by Bawer.

- 7. Signed copy [129624, \$75]
- **8.** Standard unsigned copy [**46321**, **\$25**]



Thomas Bernhard is one of Austria's most notable 20c literary figures. This translation was co-published by William Drenttel and Michael Peich.

9. (Aralia Press) Bernhard, Thomas. **BEAUTIFUL VIEW.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1994, oblong 16mo., decorated stiff paper wrappers, bottom edge uncut, cord-tied. unpaginated (4) pages.

Limited to 120 copies. Printed on Johannot paper. Translated from the German by Craig Kinosian. [129556, \$250]

Nina Cassian was an exiled Romanian poet who lived her later years in New York City. She was a vigorous critic of Romania's Communist regime.

10. & 11. (Aralia Press) Cassian, Nina. INTOLERANT LANDSCAPE. (West Chester, PA: Aralia Press), 2002, broadside (7 1/4 by 11 1/4 inches), right edge uncut.

Limited to 130 copies, signed by the author. Optima type. Printed on the occasion of "Exploring Form and Narrative," June 5-8, 2002. A poetic work.

- 10. Signed copy [129692, \$30]
- 11. Standard unsigned copy [129691, \$15]

Intolerant Landscape Nina Cassian What Cassian What Cassian What Cassian There are 130 copies printed from Optima types on the occasion of Exploring Form & Narrative, 5-8 June 2002. Weeds, long, thin and curled, black and yellow—dried hair of blondes and brunettes, buried long ago in this intolerant landscape. (Surely a witch hunt had gone on.) Here am I, near the carcass of a mill off duty—the right spot for wasteland dirges. A touch of rust in the woods. (Leftovers of a murder.) November. How ugly this penultimate month of the year—the month I was born. What remains of the sun doesn't gild my destiny.



C.P. Cavafy is one of the greatest poets of the twentieth century. These are the only translations by renowned American poet James Merrill.

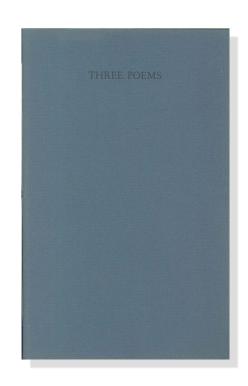
12. (Aralia Press) Cavafy, C.P. Trans. by James Merrill. FOUR POEMS. West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2008, 8vo., quarter cloth, marbled paper-covered boards, paper spine label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated (16) pages.

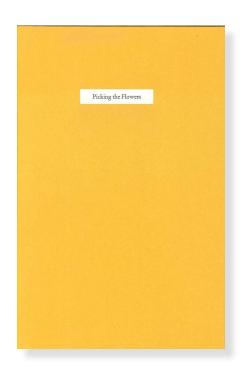
Limited to 200 copies. Introduction by Rachel Hadas. A collection of poetry, some previously published. Bembo and Romulus Open types on Rives Heavy paper. [129608, \$75]

13. & **14.** (Aralia Press) Cavafy, C.P. **THREE POEMS.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1987, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers. unpaginated.

Printed in an edition limited to 225 copies in two colors on Rives Light. Bound in blue wrappers.

- 13. Standard copy [46332, \$35]
- **14.** Review copy [**129606**, \$30]





This is the first book by New York poet Lynn Chandhok.

15. (Aralia Press) Chandhok, Lynn. **PICKING THE FLOWERS.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2007, 8vo., cloth, paper front cover label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated.

Limited to 100 copies. Bembo type on Zerkall paper. A collection of poetry. [129575, \$30]

Wendy Cope is one of England's most popular living poets, and this is the first appearance of these poems.

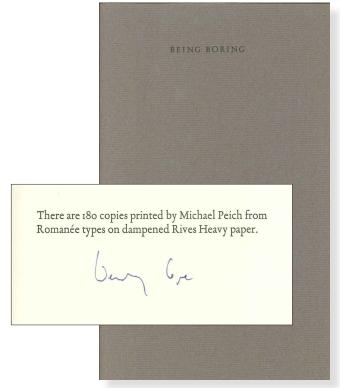
16. (Aralia Press) Cope, Wendy. **BEING BORING.** N.P. (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1998, small 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, top edge cut, other edges uncut, cord-tied. unpaginated (14) pages.

Printed in an edition limited to 180 copies, of which this is the second state with the corrected "Shakesperian," as opposed to the first state's "Shakesperean". This copy is signed by Cope on colophon. A collection of 5 poems. Romanée type on dampened Rives Heavy Paper. Fine condition. [75869, \$250]

- **17.** Second state unsigned copy [**129609**, **\$45**]
- **18.** (Aralia Press) Cope, Wendy. **BEING BORING.** N.P. (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1998, small 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, top edge cut, other edges uncut, cord-tied. unpaginated (14) pages.

Printed in an edition limited to 180 copies, of which this is the first state with the misprint "Shakesperean." This copy is signed by Cope on the colophon. A collection of 5 poems. Romanée type on dampened Rives Heavy Paper. Fine condition. [129610, \$250]

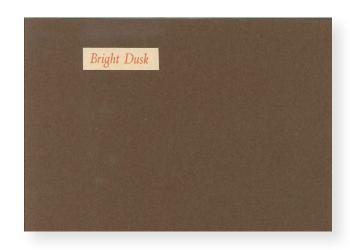
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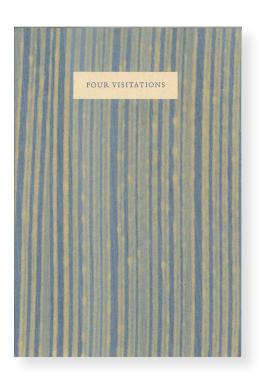


This is the Georgia poet **Daniel Corrie**'s first book.

20. (Aralia Press) Corrie, Daniel. **BRIGHT DUSK.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1990, oblong 16mo., stiff paper wrappers, paper front cover label. unpaginated.

Printed in an edition limited to 125 copies on Nideggen paper in two colors. Number 4 of the Aralia Press Chapbook series. A collection of poetry. [46326, \$45]





British born and educated, **Dick Davis** is a well known poet and respected translator of Persian poetry.

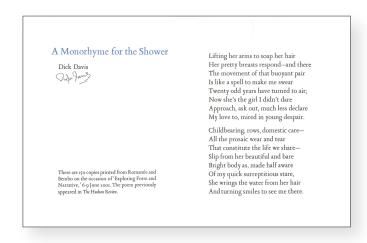
21. (Aralia Press) Davis, Dick. **FOUR VISITATIONS.** West Chester: Aralia Press, 1985, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, paper front cover label. unpaginated.

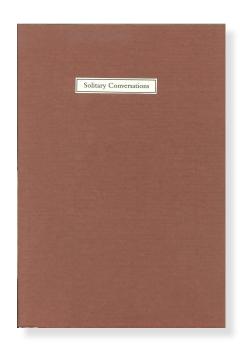
Printed in an edition of 240 copies on Nideggen paper. Sewn into hand-made green and gold paste paper wrappers doubled over to form end papers as well. [46329, \$20]

22. & **23.** (Aralia Press) Davis, Dick. **A MONORHYME FOR THE SHOWER.** (West Chester, PA: Aralia Press), 2001, broadside (7 1/2 by 11 1/2 inches), bottom edge uncut.

Limited to 150 copies. Romanée and Bembo type. Printed on the occasion of "Exploring Form and Narrative," June 6-9, 2001. A poetic work that previously appeared in The Hudson Review.

- 22. Signed copy [129699, \$40]
- 23. Standard unsigned copy [129698, \$15]





Mark Dawson is a congressional aide to a United States Congressman. This is his first book.

24. (Aralia Press) Dawson, Mark. **SOLITARY CONVERSATIONS.** West Chester, PA: Aralia, 2008, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, paper front cover label, top edge cut, other edges uncut, cord-tied. unpaginated (12) pages.

Limited to 100 copies. Bembo type on Frankfurt Cream paper. A collection of poetry. [129599, \$30]

Professor of English in the Creative Writing Department at University of South Carolina, this is **Fred Dings**' first book.

25. (Aralia Press) Dings, Fred. **THE BRUISED SKY.** West Chester: Aralia Press, 1988, tall 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, cord-tied. unpaginated.

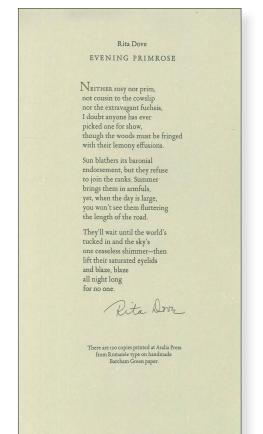
Printed in an edition limited to 125 copies on Ingres Laid paper. Number 2 of the Aralia Press chapbook series. [46323, \$18]

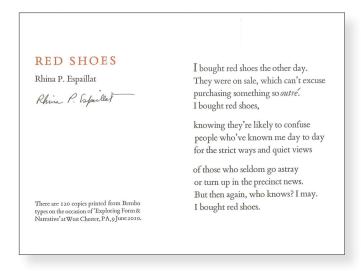


Rita Dove is one of America's most prominent African-American writers. A former United States Poet Laureate, she is Professor of English at the University of Virginia.

26. (Aralia Press) Dove, Rita. **EVENING PRIMROSE.** (West Chester, PA: Aralia Press), 1998, broadside (13 by 6 1/2 inches), bottom and right edges uncut.

Limited to 120 copies, signed by the author. Romanée type on handmade Barcham Green paper. A work of poetry. [129627, \$250]





Dominican-born, **Rhina P. Espaillat**'s family emigrated to the United States when she was ten. She is a highly respected poet and translator who resumed writing poetry after raising her family.

27. & 28. (Aralia Press) Espaillat, Rhina P. RED SHOES. West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2010, broadside (7 1/4 by 10 1/2 inches), bottom and right edges uncut.

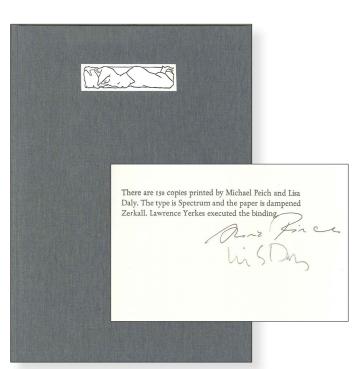
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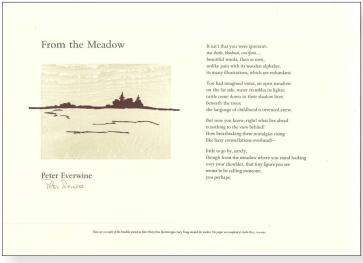
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- 28. Standard copy [129717, \$15]

Peter Everwine won the Lamont Poetry Prize and was a Stegner Fellow at Stanford University. He taught for many years at Fresno State University in California.

29. (Aralia Press) Everwine, Peter. **FROM THE MEADOW.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1991, broadside (12 by 17 inches), bottom edge uncut.

Limited to 150 copies, signed by the author. Woodcut engraving by Gary Young. A poetic work. [129553, \$45]



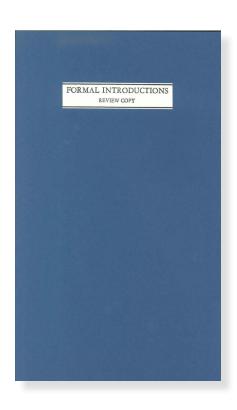


Annie Finch is a poet and educator.

30. & **31.** (Aralia Press) Finch, Annie. **CATCHING THE MER-MOTHER.** (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1995, small 8vo., cloth, paper front cover label. (24) pages.

Published in a limited edition of 150 copies. Collection of 12 poems by this award-winning writer. Printed from Spectrum types on Zerkall paper. Drawing by Lisa Daly. Bound in grey linen.

- **30.** Copy signed by both Annie Finch and Lisa Daly [129739, \$65]
- **31.** Standard unsigned copy [**76209**, **\$45**]



One of America's pre-eminent poets and critics, **Dana Gioia** was Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts (2003-2007). He is the recipient of the American Book Award for his collection, Interrogations at Noon (2002).

32. (Aralia Press) Gioia, Dana (ed.). **FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS: AN INVESTIGATIVE ANTHOLOGY.** West Chester: Aralia Press, 1994, tall 8vo., blue paper wrappers, paper front cover label. (ii), 40, (vi) pages.

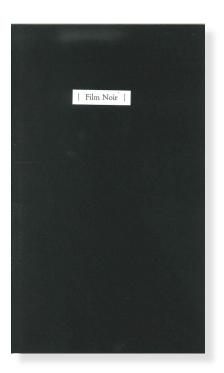
Printed in an edition limited to 210 copies on Johannot paper in two colors. A lovely collection of examples of the works of 21 contemporary poets, many of whom have had other works published at the Aralia Press. Review copy. [129605, \$100]

33. (Aralia Press) Gioia, Dana. **CURRICULUM VITAE.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1996, broadside (9 by 6 inches), bottom edge uncut.

Limited to 125 copies. Printed on the occasion of "Exploring Form and Narrative," June 11-15, 1996. [129710, \$15]

34. (Aralia Press) Gioia, Dana. **FILM NOIR.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2014, 8vo., quarter leather, paper-covered boards, paper front cover label, bottom edge uncut. (10) pages.

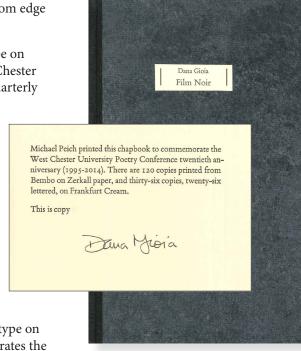
Limited to 26 lettered copies, signed by the author on colophon. Bembo type on Frankfurt Cream paper. Commemorates the 20th anniversary of the West Chester University Poetry Conference. Poem originally appeared in the Virginia Quarterly Review. [129741, \$100]

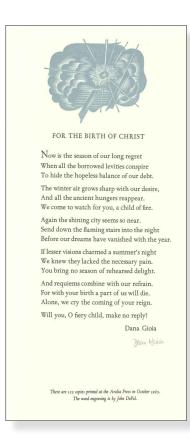


35. (Aralia Press) Gioia, Dana. **FILM NOIR.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2014, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, cordbound, paper front cover label, bottom edge uncut. (10) pages.

Limited to 120 copies, signed by the author on colophon. Bembo type on Frankfurt Cream paper. Commemorates the 20th anniversary of the West Chester University Poetry Conference. A poem originally appearing in The Virginia Quarterly Review. [129740, \$30]

36. Top-edge cut, other edges uncut; unsigned copy [129742, \$30]





37. (Aralia Press) Gioia, Dana. **FOR THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1985, broadside (14 by 7 inches), bottom and right edges uncut.

Limited to 125 copies, signed by the author. With a wood engraving by John DePol. [129544, \$40]

38. (Aralia Press) Gioia, Dana. **HOMAGE TO SOREN KIERKEGAARD.** (West
Chester, PA: Aralia Press), 2013, broadside (14 by 7 1/4 inches), bottom and right edges uncut.

Limited to 120 copies, signed by the author. Printed on the occasion of the Soren Kierkegaard Bicentennial at First Lutheran Church, West Seattle, Washington, November 17, 2013. A poetic work. [129690, \$50]

39. (Aralia Press) Gioia, Dana.

THE LITANY. West Chester, PA:
Aralia Press, 1999, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, paper front cover label, top edge cut, other edges uncut, cord-tied. (8) pages.

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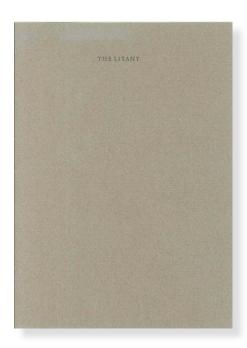
Limited to 30 numbered copies, signed by the author on colophon. Deluxe edition. Romanée type on Tovil paper. [129564, \$75]

40. (Aralia Press) Gioia, Dana. **THE LITANY.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1999, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, top edge cut, other edges uncut, cord-tied. (8) pages.

Limited to 100 copies. Signed by the author on colophon. Romanée type on Johannot paper. [129565, \$30]







Marriage of Many Years

Most of what happens happens beyond words. The lexicon of lip and fingertip defies translation into common speech. I recognize the musk of your dark hair. It always thrills me, though I can't describe it. My finger on your thigh does not touch skin—it touches your skin warming to my touch. You are a language I have learned by heart.

This intimate patois will vanish with us, its only native speakers. Does it matter? Our tribal chants, our dances round the fire performed the sorcery we most required. They bound us in a spell time could not break. Let the young vaunt their ecstasy. We keep our tribe of two in sovereign secrecy. What must be lost was never lost on us.

Dana Gioia

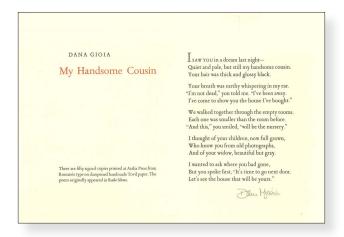
There are 100 copies printed to celebrate Dianne & Michael Peich's fiftieth wedding anniversary, August 22, 2014. The poem will appear in The Sewunge Review (Winter 2015).

41. (Aralia Press) Gioia, Dana. **MARRIAGE OF MANY YEARS.** (West Chester, PA: Aralia Press), 2014, broadside (10 3/4 by 6 3/4 inches), bottom edge uncut.

Limited to 100 copies. Printed to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Dianne and Michael Peich, August 22, 2014. Poem later appeared in The Sewanee Review. [129689, \$30]

42. (Aralia Press) Gioia, Dana. **MY HANDSOME COUSIN.** (West Chester, PA: Aralia Press), n.d., broadside (9 by 12 inches), bottom edge uncut.

Limited to 50 copies, signed by the author. Romanée type on handmade Tovil paper. Originally appeared in Radio Silence. [129688, \$50]



43. (Aralia Press) Gioia, Dana. **PLANTING A SEQUOIA.** West Chester: Aralia Press, 1991, 4to., stiff paper wrappers, paper spine label. unpaginated.

Printed in an edition limited to 200 copies on Johannot in two colors. This copy is one of 50 numbered press copies and signed by Dana Gioia and Fulvio Testa on colophon.

Bound in hand-made flax covers. Title page decorated with a drawing by Fulvio Testa. [129738, \$250]

COLOPHON

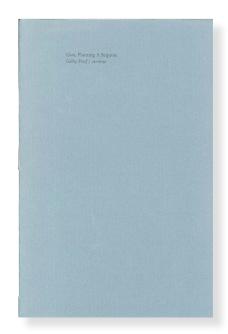
This edition was printed by Michael Peich on a Vandercook Universal I press from hand-set Spectrum and Hunt Roman types. There are two hundred unnumbered copies printed on Johannot; fifty press numbered copies & seven presentation copies are printed on Umbria. Larry Yerkes bound the edition in hand-made flax covers by Timothy Barrett. The project was completed at West Chester University, February 1991. This is copy number

Dema Miora

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44. Copy signed by Dana Gioia alone, unnumbered [**46330**, **\$150**]

45. Proof copy, cord-tied, signed by Dana Gioia, unnumbered [**129737**, \$15]





Praise to the rituals that celebrate change Old robes worn for new beginnings, Solemn protocol where the mutable soul, Surrounded by ancient experience, grows Young in the imagination's white dress.

Because it is not the rituals we honor But our trust in what they signify, these rites That honor us as witnesses—whether to watch Lovers swear loyalty in a careless world Or a newborn washed with water and oil.

So praise to innocence—impulsive and evergreen— And let the old be touched by youth's Wayward astonishment at learning something new, And dream of a future so fitting and so just That our desire will bring it into being.

Duna Misio

There are 150 copies printed by Michael Peich from Romanée types to celebrate President Madeleine Wing Adler's distinguished service to West Chester University, May 2, 2008. **46.** & **47.** (Aralia Press) Gioia, Dana. **PRAISE TO THE RITUALS.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2008, broadside (11 1/4 by 7 1/2 inches), bottom and right edges uncut.

Limited to 150 copies, signed by the author. Romanée type. Printed to celebrate the service of West Chester University President Madeleine Wing Adler.

- 46. Signed copy [129704, \$30]
- **47.** Standard unsigned copy [**129705**, \$15]
- **48.** (Aralia Press) Gioia, Dana. **SUMMER.** N.P. (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1983, 12mo., stiff paper wrappers, cordtied. unpaginated approx (10) pages.

Limited to 200 numbered copies, signed by author on colophon. Spectrum types handset by Michael Peich. A collection of poetry. [129725, \$50]



A leading Irish poet, Eamon Grennan taught for many years at Vassar College.



49. & **50.** (Aralia Press) Grennan, Eamon. **PROVINCETOWN SKETCHES.** (West Chester,

PA): Aralia Press, 2000, oblong 16mo., stiff paper wrappers, cordtied, paper front cover label. (16) pages.

Limited to 175 copies. Weiss type on dampened Frankfurt Cream paper. A collection of poetry, some previously published in various works.

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- **50.** Standard unsigned copy [**129744**, **\$30**]

Poet, critic, and anthologist, **R.S. Gwynn** taught at Lamar College. He currently directs the annual West Chester University Poetry Conference.

51. (Aralia Press) Gwynn, R.S. **THE AREA CODE OF GOD.** West Chester: Aralia Press, 1993, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, paper cover label. unpaginated.

Printed in an edition limited to 150 copies on Rives Light paper. Title page calligraphy by Jerry Kelly. Bound in dark orange handmade flax paper. [46317, \$40]

NYMPH AND SHEPHERD

SHE died a dozen times before I died, And kept on dying, nymph of fatality. I could not die but once although I tried.

I envied her. She whooped, she laughed, she cried As she contrived each fresh mortality, Numberless lethal times before I died.

I plunged, I plugged, I twisted, and I sighed While she achieved death's Paradise routinely. I lagged however zealously I tried.

She writhed, she bucked, she rested, and, astride, She posted, cantering on top of me At least a hundred miles until I died.

I'd never blame you if you thought I lied About her deadly prodigality. She died a dozen times before I died Who could not die so frequently. I tried.

Donald Hall

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There are 140 copies printed from Romanée types on the occasion of 'Exploring Form & Narrative' at West Chester, PA, 10 June 2009 Arguably America's most prolific poet, essayist, and anthologist **Donald Hall** received the Ruth Lily Poetry Prize for his distinguished lifetime achievement in verse.

52. & **53.** (Aralia Press) Hall, Donald. **NYMPH AND SHEPHERD.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2009, broadside (12 1/2 by 7 inches), bottom and right edges uncut.

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A California-based poet, **C.G. Hanzlicek** has taught at Fresno State University for many years

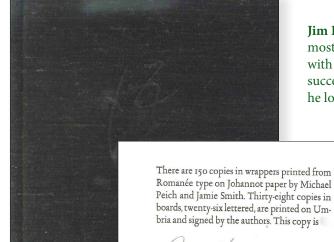
54. (Aralia Press) Hanzlicek, C.G. **NIGHT GAME.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1988, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, cord-tied. unpaginated (8) pages.

Limited to 125 copies. Bembo types on Rives paper. A collection of poetry. [129550, \$60]

Jim Harrison was one of America's most celebrated fiction writers, with many of his works made into successful films. In his private life, he loved writing poetry.

55. (Aralia Press) Harrison, Jim, and Ted Kooser. **A CONVERSATION.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2002, 32mo., cloth, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated (20) pages.

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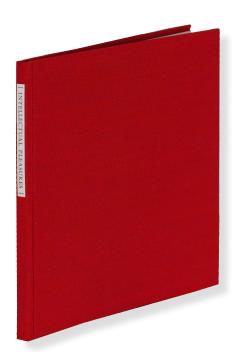
56. & **57.** (Aralia Press) Harrison, Jim, and Ted Kooser. **A CONVERSATION.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2002, 32mo., stiff paper wrappers, paper front cover label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated (20) pages.

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H.L. Hix is a highly innovative poet, and an insightful critic. A former National Book Award nominee, he teaches at the University of Wyoming.

58. & 59. (Aralia Press) Hix, H.L. **INTELLECTUAL PLEASURES.** (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1998, small 12mo., cloth, paper spine label. (24) pages.

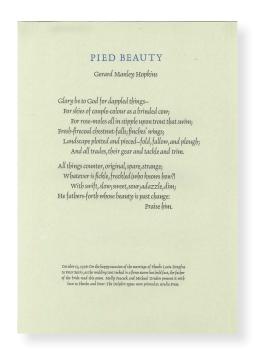
Published in a limited edition of 150 copies. Printed with Spectrum and Romulus Open types on Kerkall paper. Bound in red silk covered boards. Hix is the 1994 recipient of the Grolier Prize for Poetry.

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- **59.** Standard unsigned copy [**76210**, **\$45**]

Gerard Manley Hopkins was one of the leading poets of the Victorian era that used a distinct writing style and keen language in his works.

60. (Aralia Press) Hopkins, Gerard Manley. **PIED BEAUTY.** (West Chester, PA: Aralia Press), 1997, broadside (13 by 9 inches), bottom edge uncut.

A poem to celebrate the wedding of Phoebe Louis-Dreyfus and Peter Bavis. Delphin type. [129682, \$15]





61. (Aralia Press) **INTELLIGENCE THERE WITH PASSION. A FESTSCHRIFT IN HONOR OF FREDERICK MORGAN'S FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AT THE HUDSON REVIEW.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1998, small 8vo., full silk, paper spine label, deckled edges. (32) pages.

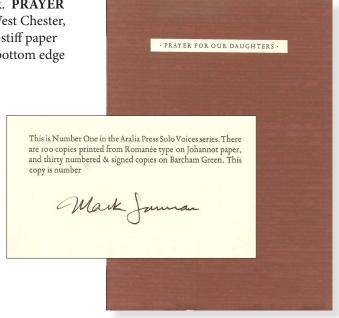
Printed in an edition limited to 230 copies. A Festschrift in honor of Frederick Morgan's fiftieth anniversary at the Hudson Review. Collection of poetry with contributions by 20 contemporary American poets. Spectrum and Romulus Open Types on Rives Heavy Paper. [75879, \$45]

Mark Jarman is an acclaimed poet and critic, who often writes about faith and spirituality. He teaches at Vanderbilt University.

62. & **63.** (Aralia Press) Jarman, Mark. **PRAYER FOR OUR DAUGHTERS.** N.P. (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1998, small 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, front cover paper label, bottom edge uncut, cord-tied. (8) pages.

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64. (Aralia Press) Jarman, Mark. **UNHOLY SONNETS.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1994, small 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, bottom edge uncut, cord-tied. unpaginated.

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One of California's most revered poets, Robinson Jeffers was an American literary giant.

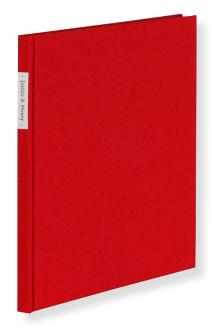
65. (Aralia Press) Jeffers, Robinson. **TO THE STONE-CUTTERS.** (West Chester, PA: Aralia Press), 2012, broadside (8 1/4 by 11 inches), bottom edge uncut.

Limited to 200 copies. Bembo and Trajan types, on the occasion of "Celebrating Robinson Jeffers at the USC Libraries," October 25, 2012, Los Angeles. A poetic work. [129687, \$25]

Poetry winner of both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, **Donald Justice** was a meticulous craftsman as a poet, translator, critic, and librettist. He was one of America's greatest twentieth century poets.

66. (Aralia Press) Justice, Donald and Robert Mezey. **THE BALLAD OF CHARLES STARKWEATHER.** N.P. (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1997, small 12mo., embossed cloth, paper spine label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated (16) pages.

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67. (Aralia Press) Justice, Donald. **RALPH: A LOVE STORY.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1999, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers,

paper front cover label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated (8) pages.

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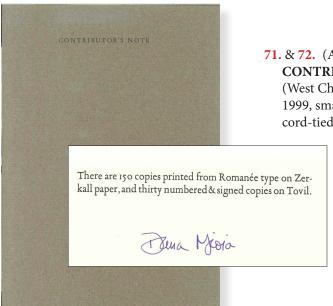
The multi-talented **Weldon Kees** was skilled in poetry, fiction, criticism, music, and painting. A forgotten artist after his disappearance in 1956, he has become an American cult-figure.

70. (Aralia Press) Kees, Weldon. **CONTRIBUTOR'S NOTE.** N.P. (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1999, small 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, paper front cover label, cord-tied. unpaginated (8) pages.

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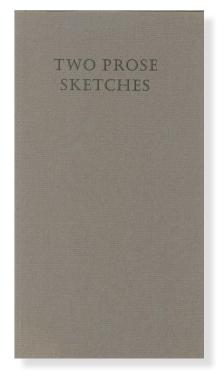
71. & 72. (Aralia Press) Kees, Weldon. CONTRIBUTOR'S NOTE. N.P. (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1999, small 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, cord-tied. unpaginated (8) pages.

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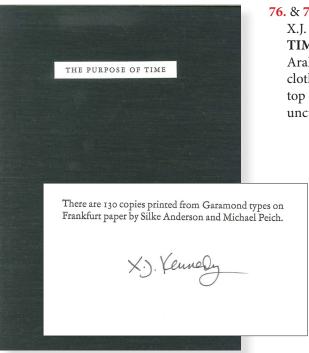


74. & **75.** (Aralia Press) Kees, Weldon. **WELDON KEES:** A 'NEW YORKER' EXPERIENCE. West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1988, folio, self paper wrappers, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated (4) pages.

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America's pre-eminent light-verse poet, and influential anthologist, **X.J. Kennedy** writes insightful and witty poetry.



76. & 77. (Aralia Press) Kennedy, X.J. THE PURPOSE OF TIME. West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2002, 12mo., cloth, paper front cover label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated (16) pages.

Limited to 130 copies. Signed by the author on colophon. Garamond type on Frankfurt paper. A collection of poetry, some which were previously published in various works.

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A resident of Alabama, **Melisaa Kent** wrote this at age sixteen while growing up in Pennsylvania.

78. (Aralia Press) Kent, Melissa. **THE BUNKER.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1986, broadside (15 1/4 by 7 inches), bottom and right edges uncut.

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THE BUNKER

Walking together, barefoot in the wet sand, along the shore... In the distance a ponderous shadow rises.

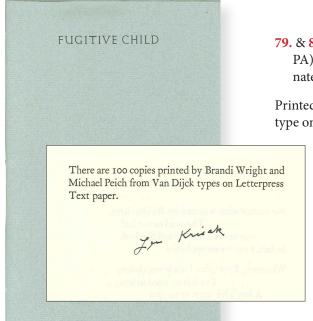
Brent runs ahead of me.
The shadow solidifies, becomes
a World War II bunker,
remnant of a conflict long renounced.
He calls back to me: Come see!

Together we climb to the top and drop stones in the sea: Bombs away! Then we race to the bottom and watch the waves advance through the pilings.

Dusk sparkles on the water. Our adventuring's done. The hour calls us home. And I, the only child, Go tearing after my brother.

Melissa Kent

There are 60 copies printed from Spectrum types by Michael Peich.



This is the first book by Len Krisak, a Massachusetts-based poet.

79. & **80.** (Aralia Press) Krisak, Len. **FUGITIVE CHILD.** N.P. (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1999, small 8vo., stiff paper wrapper, cord-tied. unpaginated approx. (12) pages.

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- 79. Copy signed by the author on colophon [129724, \$45]
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Ursula K. LeGuin
THE ONES WHO WALK AWAY
FROM OMELAS

But there is one more thing to tell, and this is quite incredible.

At times, one of the adolescent girls or boys who go to see the child does not go home to weep or rage, does not, in fact, go home at all. They keep walking across the farmlands of Omelas. Night falls, the traveler must pass down village streets, between houses with yellow-lit windows, and on out into the darkness of the fields. Each alone, they go west or north towards the mountains. They go on. They leave Omelas, they walk ahead into the darkness, and they do not come back. The place they go towards is a place even less imaginable to most of us than the city of happiness. I cannot describe it at all. It is possible that it does not exist. But they seem to know where they are going, the ones who walk amay from Omelas.

This excerpt from 'The Ones Who Walk Away From Omelas' was printed to commemorate the mediate of Melissa Ann Kent and N. Wayne Simms on I May 1993. It is presented who wishes for a lifetime of bappiness and with the love of Mithael, Dianne, Afrika and Brent Peich.

Ursula K. LeGuin is one of America's most well-known science-fiction and fantasy writers.

81. (Aralia Press) LeGuin, Ursula K. **THE ONES WHO WALK AWAY FROM OMELOS.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1993, broadside (14 by 8 inches), bottom and right edges uncut.

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The Arachnid's Triumph:

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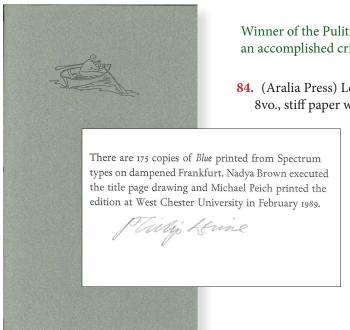
In the stark theater in the round of a rubberplant leaf a hunchback, backlit by a blood-red sun carts a body offstage, and though the brief, skeletal drama's nearly done its argument remains uncertain; even so, we must praise the enterprise of a performer who, without a wasted move, not only plays the lead but sews the final curtain.

An accomplished novelist, poet, and critic, **Brad Leithauser** teaches at Johns Hopkins University.

82. & 83. (Aralia Press) Leithauser, Brad. THE ARACHNID'S TRIUMPH: A ONE-ACT. West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1999, broadside (6 1/4 by 11 1/2 inches), bottom and right edges uncut.

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Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award (twice), **Philip Levine** was an accomplished critic and essayist. His poetry speaks to the American work ethos.

84. (Aralia Press) Levine, Philip. **BLUE.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1989, tall 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, cord-tied. unpaginated approx. (20) pages.

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Michael Lind is a polymath who has published books on American history, politics and foreign policy, as well as fiction, poetry, and children's books.

When You Are Someone Els

85. & **86.** (Aralia Press) Lind, Michael. **WHEN YOU ARE SOMEONE ELSE.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2002, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, paper front cover label, top edge cut, other edges uncut, cord-tied. unpaginated (8) pages.

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A Nobel Prize nominee, **Mario Luzi** was one of Italy's leading twentieth century modernist poets.

87. (Aralia Press) Luzi, Mario. Trans. by Dana Gioia. **THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2012, 8vo., quarter cloth, marbled paper-covered boards, paper spine label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated (20) pages.

Limited to 26 lettered copies. Signed by the author and artist Fulvio Testa on colophon. Translated from the Spanish by Dana Gioia. Preface by the translator. Frontispiece and drawings in text hand-colored by Testa. Bembo type on Tovil paper. A collection of poetry. [129582, \$250]



88. (Aralia Press) Luzi, Mario. Trans. by Dana Gioia. **THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2012, 8vo., cloth, paper spine label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated (20) pages.

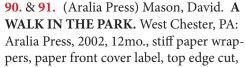
Limited to 240 copies. Translated from the Spanish by Dana Gioia. Preface by the translator. Frontispiece and illustrations in text by Fulvio Testa. A collection of poetry. [129596, \$95]



David Mason is one of his generation's most accomplished poet, critic, and librettist. Blackened Peaches is his first published book.

89. (Aralia Press) Mason, Dave. **BLACKENED PEACHES.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1989, tall 8vo, stiff paper wrappers, cord-tied. unpaginated.

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SUFFICIENT TIME

SUFFICIENT TIME has passed, and now the girl who was last seen has broken out of local news and made the nationals.

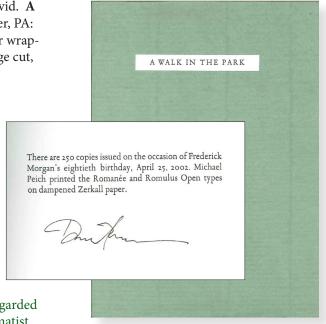
Sufficient time has passed, and now she sheds her surname and her given name and takes a pet name for as long as no one knows a thing. Sufficient time has saddened the police, who bring that name to conferences and briefings, explaining why today and yesterday look so alike. As if in sympathy their own names shorten.

Sufficient time has passed and you can go, everyone can go. The days that follow will be given numbers.

Glyn Marwell

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91. Standard unsigned copy [**129577**, **\$25**]



Glyn Maxwell is a highly regarded English poet and verse-dramatist.

92. & **93.** (Aralia Press) Maxwell, Glyn. **SUFFICIENT TIME.** West Chester, PA: (Aralia Press), 2004, broadside (11 by 6 3/4 inches), bottom edge uncut.

Limited to 150 copies. Romanée type. Printed on the occasion of "Celebrating Form and Narrative," West Chester, Pennsylvania, June 9-12, 2004. A poetic work.

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In addition to writing poetry and criticism, Robert McDowell co-founded Story Line Press.

94. & **95.** (Aralia Press) McDowell, Robert. **THE PACT.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1994, 8vo., cloth, paper spine label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated.

Printed in an edition limited to 160 copies. Printed in two colors using Van Dijck and Weiss I types on Johannot paper. This is the first separate appearance of this poem which had originally appeared in "The Hudson Review." Bound in black slubbed fabric.

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Here and there
White hairs appear
On my chestAge seasons me
Gives me zestI am a sage
In the making
Sprinkled, shaking.

There are 100 copies printed at Aralia Press from Weiss types on the occasion of the White House Conference **Samuel Menashe** was a master of short verse and was one of America's best-kept poetic secrets during his life-time.

96. (Aralia Press) Menashe, Samuel. **SALT & PEPPER.** (West Chester, PA: Aralia Press), 2005, broadside (10 by 6 1/2 inches), bottom edge uncut.

Limited to 100 copies. Weiss types. Printed on the occasion of the White House Conference on Creativity and Aging, May 2005. A poetic work. [129697, \$15]

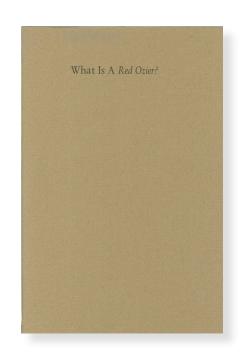


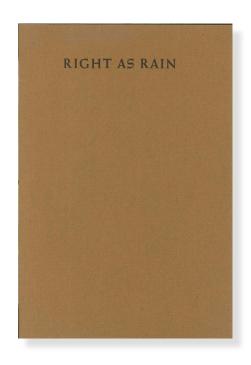
Steve Miller was the co-publisher of Red Ozier Press. He directs the book program at the University of Alabama.

97 & **98.** (Aralia Press) Miller, Steve. **WHAT IS A RED OZIER?** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1989, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, cord-tied. unpaginated.

Printed in an edition limited to 200 copies as a keepsake to commemorate the opening of the exhibit "The Books of the Red Ozier Press." This copy is signed by Miller. Steve Miller, the proprietor of the Red Ozier Press, describes how the press got its name.

- **97.** Copy signed by the author [**46328**, \$50]
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Wil Mills was a talented young poet who succumbed to cancer at 41. This was his first book.

99. & **100.** (Aralia Press) Mills, Wilmer. **RIGHT AS RAIN.** N.P. (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1999, small 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, cord-tied. (12) pages.

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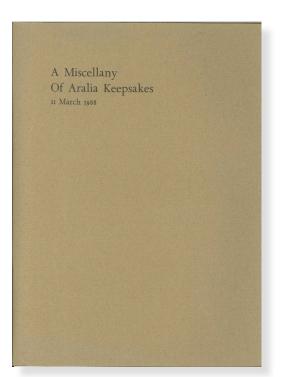
Gabriella Mirollo is a fiber-artist living in Massachusetts. This is her first book.

101. & **102.** (Aralia Press) Mirollo, Gabriella. **SHADOW OF A CHILD.** N.P. (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1997, tall 8vo., handmade stiff paper wrapper, paper cover label. unpaginated, approx (24) pages.

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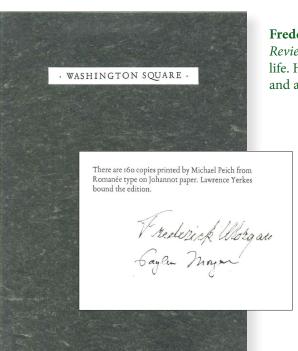
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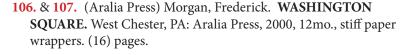
A folk-singer, **Leslie Monsour** lives in Los Angeles where she writes carefully crafted formal verse.

105. (Aralia Press) Monsour, Leslie. **INDELIBILITY.** N.P. (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1999, small 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, cord-tied. unpaginated approx. (12) pages.

Printed in an edition limited to 100 copies, signed by the author on colophon. Collection includes 4 poems printed with Spectrum type on Lana Laid paper. [75867, \$50]



Frederick Morgan founded the *Hudson Review* and began writing poetry later in life. He was a consummate man of letters, and a distinguished poet.



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108. (Aralia Press) Murphy, Timothy. **BEDROCK.** N.P. (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1998, small 8vo., cloth, paper spine label. (24) pages.

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FOUR A.M. IN THE WOODS Marilyn Nelson

There are 125 copies printed from Spectrum type and Weiss Initials at Aralia Press on the occasion of Exploring Form and Narrative,* West Chester University, 10-13 June 1998. Darkness softens, a thin tissue of mist between trees. One by one the day's uncountable voices come out like twilight fireflies, like stars. The perceiving self sits with his back against rough bark, casting ten thousand questions into the future. As shadows take shape, the curtains part for the length of time it takes to gasp, and behold the purpose of his life dawns on him.

Marilyn Nelson is a well-known African-American writer who has a deserved reputation for her traditionally crafted poems.

109. (Aralia Press) Nelson, Marilyn. FOUR A.M. IN THE WOODS. West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1998, broadside (6 1/2 by 12 inches), bottom and right edges uncut.

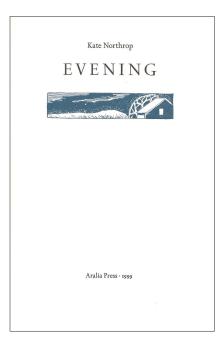
Limited to 125 copies. Spectrum type and Weiss initials. Printed on the occasion of "Exploring Form and Narrative," June 10-13, 1988. [129712, \$15]

110. & 111. (Aralia Press) Nelson, Marilyn. SHE-DEVIL CIRCUS. West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2001, 16mo., stiff paper wrappers, paper front cover label, top edge cut, other edges uncut, cord-tied. unpaginated (16) pages.

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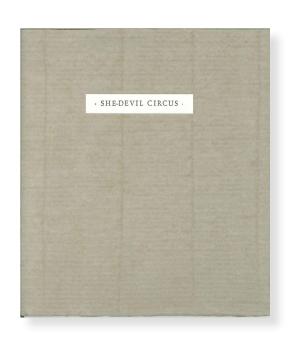
112. (Aralia Press) Northrop, Kate. EVENING. West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1999, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, bottom edge uncut. unpaginated.

Limited to 150 copies. Spectrum type on Zerkall paper. A collection of poetry. [129559, \$50]

Molly Peacock is one of the most noteworthy poets of her generation.

113. (Aralia Press) Peacock, Molly. **BEGIN.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1997, broadside (10 1/2 by 7 inches), bottom edge uncut.

Limited to 125 copies. Romanée type. Printed on the occasion of "Exploring Form and Narrative," June 4-7, 1997. [129711, \$15]



BEGIN

Like a yellow dash at the edge of summer, a leaf naps on our picnic table. Then mums applaud a rattle in the walnut canopy. These flowers must think they're at a performance! Squirrel on the high wire of September drops a walnut on the orange tabby who leaps to avoid the teapot midair... Just cool enough for tea, just bright enough to see in the new light of fall, an interruption that feels like an ending.

but isn't.

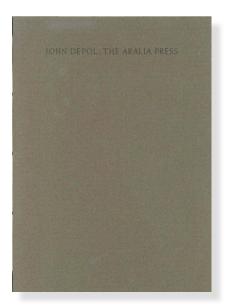
Now you're home from away, and things begin: your finger and thumb at home in the crook of the cup, my hand at home on your sleeve. Look up! All fall comes home.

Molly Peacock

There are 125 copies printed from Romanee type at Aralia Press on the occasion of 'Exploring Form & Narrative' at West Chester University during 4-7 June 1997. Written by the publisher's daughter, this broadside was published to celebrate her eighteenth birthday. Buy it and enjoy it.

114. (Aralia Press) Peich, Alysia. **ADOLESCENT BOYS AND BLACK CATERPILLARS.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1992, broadside (12 1/4 by 16 inches), bottom and right edges uncut.

Limited to 60 copies. Spectrum and Romulus types. In honor of the author's 18th birthday. [129554, \$20]



115. (Aralia Press) Peich, Michael. JOHN DEPOL: THE ARALIA PRESS. West

Chester: Aralia Press, 1994, 8vo., paper wrappers, cord-tied. unpaginated.

Printed in an edition limited to 100 copies as the Aralia Press contribution to John DePol: A Celebration of His Work by Many Hands, sewn into wrappers for the Aralia Press. Contains two engravings by DePol and Peich's reminiscences of DePol. This copy is signed by Michael Peich. [46315, \$60]

Robert Pinsky is one of America's leading literary figures and a former United States Poet Laureate. He is equally adept as poet, translator and critic.

116. & **117.** (Aralia Press) Pinsky, Robert. **IMPROVISATION ON YIDDISH.** (West Chester, PA: Aralia Press), 2011, broadside (12 by 7 1/2 inches), bottom edge uncut.

Limited to 125 copies, signed by the author. Romanée type. Printed on the occasion of "Exploring Form and Narrative," West Chester, Pennsylvania, June 9, 2011. A poetic work.

Christophe Plantin
THE HAPPINESS OF THIS WORLD

To have a house which is commodious, clean and beautiful; tapestried with fragrant espaliers, a garden; fruits; excellent wine; a small retinue; few children; to have, without commotion, a wife who is loyal.

To have no debts, no dalliance, no lawsuits, no quarrel; no obligation with parents to make division; to content oneself with little, to hope for no attention from the great; to scale one's plans to what is manageable.

To live with candor and without ambition; to give oneself to piety without hesitation; to damp the passions and make them obedient,

cultivating branch and graft, telling one's rosary while preserving a free spirit and a strong judgment: this is to wait at home for death comfortably.

A translation by Karl Kirchwey of 'Le Bonheur de Ce Monde, presented to Peter Flanders on his seventy-eighth birthday, 3 September 2004. There are 100 copies printed at Aralia Press. 116. Copy signed by the author [129701, \$100]117. Standard unsigned

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118. & **119.** (Aralia Press) Plantin, Christophe. **THE HAPPINESS OF THIS WORLD.** (West Chester, PA: Aralia Press), 2004, broadside (11 by 7 1/2 inches), bottom edge uncut.

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Bubbeh loschen, lost tongue of the lost, 'Get away From me' which means, ome closer Gei

Avek fun mir, Ich Hob dich in bud. I see you
Completely. Naked. I've got you in my pocket.

Robert Pinsly

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Improvisation On Yiddish

I've got you in my pocket, Ich hob mir fer pacht. It sees me and I cannot spell it.

Ich hob dich in bud, which means I see you as if You were in the bathtub naked: I know you completely Kischkas: guts. Tongue of the guts, tongue Of the heart naked, the guts of the tongue.

Bubbeh loschen. Tongue of my grandmother

That I can't spell in these characters I know.
I know 'Hob dich in bud' which means I see you

And through you, tongue of irony. Intimate. Tongue of the dear and the dead, tongue of death

Tongue of laughing in the guts, naked and completely

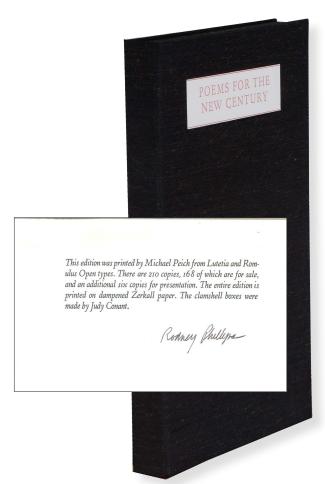
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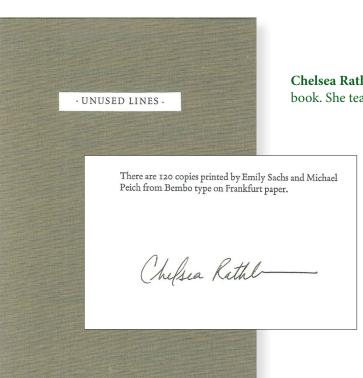
120. & **121.** (Aralia Press) **POEMS FOR THE NEW CENTURY.** New York, NY: New York Public Library by the Aralia Press, 1996, 8vo., folded sheets in a clamshell box, paper cover label. unpaginated.

Printed in an edition limited to 210 copies. Printed from Lutetia and Romulus Open types on dampened Zerkall paper. Text printed in black, with individual titles in various colors. Enclosed in a clamshell box covered in black cloth with gold threads made by Judy Conant. Commissioned to celebrate the NYPL's centenary and the exhibit "The Hand of the Poet," consisting of examples of the work of 100 poets taken from the Berg Collection. Includes an essay by Rodney Phillips, curator of the Berg Collection, and poems by ten young poets whose works are in the exhibition. A beautiful production. Received an AIGA 50 Books of the Year designation in 1996.

120. Copy signed by all of the contributors (Rodney Phillips, Cooper Esteban, Nick Flynn, Caroline Fraser, Deborah Garrison, H. L. Hix, Timothy Liu, Gabriella Mirollo, Greg Williams, David Woo, and Cynthia Zarin). [**46337**, **\$500**]

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Chelsea Rathburn writes crystalline poems about everyday life in her first book. She teaches at Young Harris College (Georgia).

122. & **123.** (Aralia Press) Rathburn, Chelsea. **UNUSED LINES.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2004, 12mo., cloth, paper front cover label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated.

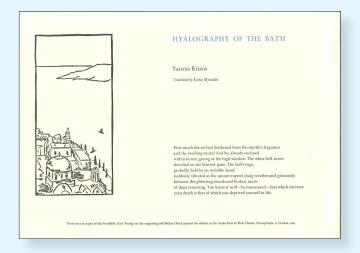
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124. (Aralia Press) **A REMEMBRANCE MICHAEL JASPER GIOIA.** N.P.: Aralia Press, n.d. (but 1987), 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, cord-tied. unpaginated (12) pages.

Aralia Press: Poetry and Fine Printing, 13. A eulogy spoken on December 20, 1987, by Dana Gioia, in honor of Michael Jasper Gioia. Hand-printed by Michael Peich. Fulvio Testa made the drawing on the cover & title page. [129594, \$50]

Yannis Ritsos, who was a leading Greek literary figure in the twentieth century, was a left-wing activist and resistance fighter during World War II.



125. (Aralia Press) Ritsos, Yannis. (Trans. by K Myrsiades). **HYALOGRAPHY OF THE BATH.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1988, broadside (12 by 19 inches), bottom edge uncut.

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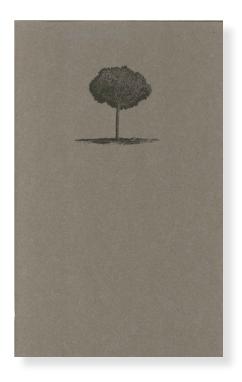
A former United States Poet Laureate, **Kay Ryan** writes short lined poems that have gained her a wide and devoted following.

126. & **127.** (Aralia Press) Ryan, Kay. **THE EDGES OF TIME.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2007, broadside (11 1/4 by 5 1/4 inches), bottom edge uncut.

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The Edges of Time

IT IS at the edges that time thins. Time which had been dense and viscous as amber suspending intentions like bees unseizes them. A humming begins, apparently coming from stacks of put-off things or just in back. A racket of claims now, as time flattens. A glittering fan of things competing to happen, brilliant and urgent as fish when seas retreat.

Kay Ryan

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There are 130 copies printed from Romanée types on the occasion of 'Exploring Form and Narrative' at West Chester, PA, 8 June 2007. Mary Jo Salter, who studied with Elizabeth Bishop at Harvard, is an accomplished poet, translator, critic, song-writer, and children's author. She teaches at Johns Hopkins University.

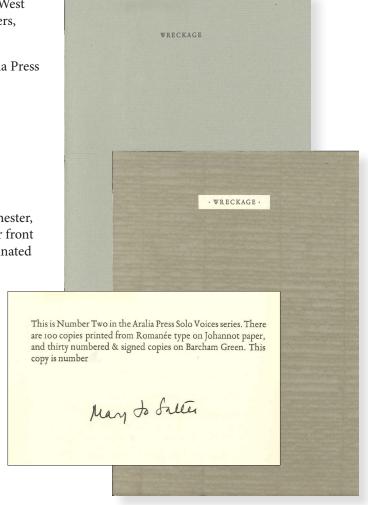
128. & **129.** (Aralia Press) Salter, Mary Jo. **WRECKAGE.** N.P. (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1999, small 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, cord-tied. unpaginated (8) pages.

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131. & 132. (Aralia Press) Seneca. JUNO PLOTS HER REVENGE: ACT ONE OF HERCULES FURENS. West Chester: Aralia Press, 1992, 8vo., flax paper spine and blue grey cloth-covered boards, paper spine label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated.

A. P. Brady, John Brink, Pat N. Colagreco, B. Michael Cook, Cathy Hofmann, Alex Long, Fred MacVaugh, Robert Mc-Devit, Cindy Payne, Michael Peich, Susan P. Savage, & Linda S. Welsh printed the Spectrum and Romulus Open types on dampened Rives Heavy. Larry Yerkes bound 180 copies.

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Mostly known for being an Irish playwright, **G. Bernard Shaw** contributed a substantial amount to the field of literature and poetry.

133. & **134.** (Aralia Press) Shaw, G. Bernard (translated by Stanley Weintraub). G.B.S. & H.B. West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1986, broadside (14 by 8 1/4 inches), bottom and right edges uncut.

Limited to 150 copies, signed by Stanley Weintraub. The first appearance of G.B.S.'s letter in its original poetic form to Hubert Bland, the socialist founder of the Fabian Society. Commemorates Weintraub's reading of this work at West Chester University, December 4, 1986.

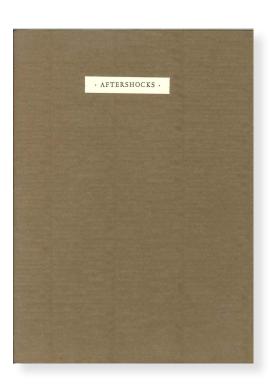
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The former United States Poet Laureate **William Jay Smith** was a poet, translator and critic.

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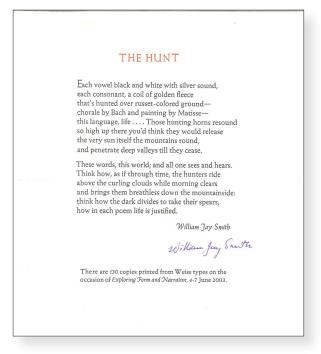
William Jay. **THE HUNT.** (West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2003, broadside (8 1/2 by 6 1/2 inches), bottom edge uncut.

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Recognized by many as the pre-eminent writer of her generation, **A.E. Stallings** is a brilliant poet and translator. She recently received a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, and lives in Athens, Greece.

137. (Aralia Press) Stallings, A.E. **AFTERSHOCKS.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2003, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, cord-tied, paper front cover label. unpaginated (16) pages.

Limited to 125 copies. Spectrum type on Frankfurt Cream paper. A collection of poetry, previously appeared in various publications. [129719, \$35]

A. E. Stallings

ULTRASOUND

What butterfly— Brain, soul, or both— Unfurls here, pallid As a moth?

(Listen, here's Another ticker, Counting under Mine, and quicker.)

In this cave What flickers fall, Adumbrated On the wall?—

Spine like beads Strung on a wire, Abacus Of our desire,

Moon-face where Two shadows rhyme, Two moving hands That tell the time.

I am the room The future owns, The darkness where It grows its bones.

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Timothy Steele writes prosodic poetry, and has written two books about prosody.

140. (Aralia Press) Steele, Timothy. **STARR FARM BEACH.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2005, 8vo., cloth, paper spine label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated.

Limited to 180 copies. Bembo type on Zerkall paper. A collection of poetry, some of which appeared in a number of publications. [129588, \$40]



ON GOING DEAF
Anne Stevenson

I've lost a sense. Why should I care?
Searching myself, I find a spare.
I keep that sixth sense in repair
And set it deftly, like a snare.

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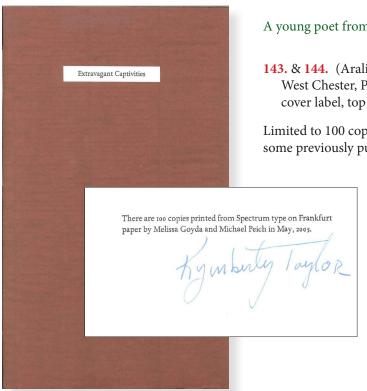
There are 125 copies printed on the occasion of Exploring Form & Narrative, 7-10 June 2000. An expatriate American writer living in England, **Anne Stevenson**'s poetry is provocative. She wrote one of the first, and best, studies of Sylvia Plath.

141. & **142.** (Aralia Press) Stevenson, Anne. **ON GOING DEAF.** (JWest Chester, PA: Aralia Press), 2000, broadside (10 by 7 1/2 inches), bottom edge uncut.

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A young poet from Maryland's Eastern Shore, this is **Kimberly Taylor**'s first book.

143. & **144.** (Aralia Press) Taylor, Kymberly. **EXTRAVAGANT CAPTIVITIES.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2005, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers, paper front cover label, top edge cut, other edges uncut, cord-tied. unpaginated (16) pages.

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Marilyn Taylor is a former Wisconsin Poet-Laureate who writes witty, metrical poems about the intricacies of everyday life.

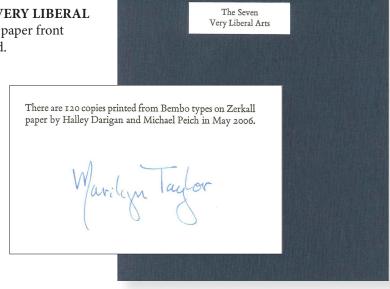
145. & **146.** (Aralia Press) Taylor, Marilyn. **THE SEVEN VERY LIBERAL ARTS.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2006, 8vo., cloth, paper front cover label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated.

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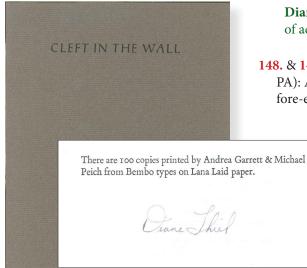
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A multi-genre writer, **Alexander Theroux** is best known for his fiction.

147. (Aralia Press) Theroux, Alexander. **HISTORY IS MADE AT NIGHT AND OTHER POEMS.** N.P. (but West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1992, 8vo., cloth, paper spine label. (28) pages.

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Diane Thiel's well-crafted poems are remarkable for their clarity and ease of access. She teaches at the University of New Mexico.

148. & **149.** (Aralia Press) Thiel, Diane. **CLEFT IN THE WALL.** (West Chester, PA): Aralia Press, 1999, small 8vo., handsewn stiff paper wrappers, cord-tied, fore-edge uncut. unpaginated.

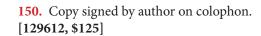
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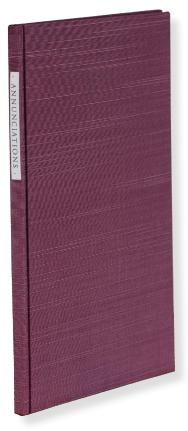
A wonderful poet, **Catherine Tufariello** is a nurse with a PhD in English. This is her first book.

150. & **151.** & **152.** (Aralia Press) Tufariello, Catherine. **ANNUNCIATIONS.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2001, 8vo., cloth, paper spine label, top edge cut, other edges uncut. unpaginated.

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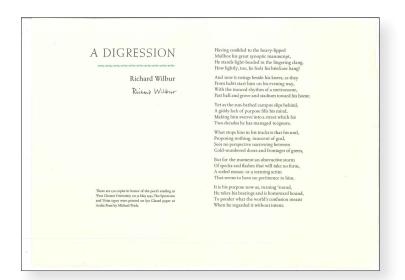


Translator Howard Moss has rendered **Paul Valery**'s most famous poem into a remarkable jewel.

153. (Aralia Press) Valery, Paul. **THE CEMETERY BY THE SEA.** West Chester: Aralia Press, 1987, 8vo., stiff paper wrappers. unpaginated.

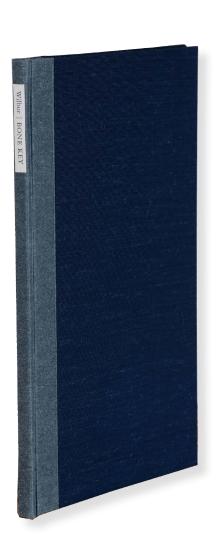
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Richard Wilbur is the greatest living American lyric poet. His poems, translations and libretti are among the best writing in America.



154. (Aralia Press) Wilbur, Richard. **A DIGRESSION.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1995, broadside (11 1/2 by 16 inches), bottom and right edges uncut.

Limited to 150 copies, signed by the author. Spectrum and Weiss types on Iyo Glazed paper. A poetic work. [129557, \$75]



155. & 156. (Aralia Press) Wilbur, Richard. A BIRTHDAY BALLADE FOR ANTHONY HECHT. West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2003, broadside (14 by 6 1/2 inches), bottom edge uncut.

Limited to 225 copies. Commemorates Hecht's 80th birthday, celebrated at the West Chester University Poetry Conference, June 6, 2003.

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A BIRTHDAY BALLADE FOR ANTHONY HECHT

WHO IS THE MAN whose poems dare Describe man's inhumanities, And count our deadly sins, and bare Such truths as cause the blood to freeze, Yet in whose darkest verse one sees How style and agile intellect Can both instruct and greatly please? I speak, of course, of Tony Hecht.

Who is the man who has a flair For double-dactyl drolleries And other forms, as light as air, That call for wir and expertise, Whose 'Dover Bitch,' moreover, frees His comic gifts to play unchecked? Who is his own antipodes? The many-sided Tony Hecht.

Who has translated Baudelaire, Avoiding all translationese? Who rendered Brodsky and Voltaire, And Horace's urbanities, And would be named by all of these As one of their august elect? Can there be any question? He's That true Parnassian, Tony Hecht.

By now, Prince, you must be aware Of what bard most deserves respect There is but one beyond compare, The incomparable Tony Hecht.

> Richard Wilbur Richard Willen

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There are 225 copies printed from Romanée type by Michael Peich for Anthony Hecht's eightieth birthday celebration at the West Chester University Poetry Conference, June 6, 2003.

157. & **158.** (Aralia Press) Wilbur, Richard. **BONE KEY AND OTHER POEMS.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 1997, small 8vo., quarter paper with cloth-covered boards, paper spine label. unpaginated (24) pages.

Printed in an edition limited to 180 copies. A collection of 11 poems printed in Van Dijck and Weiss types on dampened Johannot paper. Corrigenda.

157. Standard copy [75881, \$65]

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159. & **160.** (Aralia Press) Wilbur, Richard. **A MEASURING WORM.** West Chester, PA: Aralia Press, 2008, broadside (11 by 5 1/2 inches), bottom and right edges uncut.

Limited to 130 copies. Romanée type. Printed on the occasion of "Exploring Form and Narrative," June 5, 2008.

- **159.** Copy signed by the author [**129715**, \$**125**]
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Sugar Maples, January Richard Wilbur

Richard Willow

There are 250 copies printed at Aralia Press for Richard Wilbur's ninetieth birthday celebration at West Chester University, June 10, 2011. The poem is forthcoming from The NewYorker. W HAT YEARS of weather did to branch and bough No canopy of shadow covers now,

And these great trunks, when the wind's rough and bleak, Though little shaken, can be heard to creak.

It is not time, as yet, for rising sap And hammered spiles. There's nothing there to tap.

For now, the long blue shadows of these trees Stretch out upon the snow, and are at ease.

161. & **162.** (Aralia Press) Wilbur, Richard. **SUGAR MAPLES, JANUARY.** (West Chester, PA: Aralia Press), 2011, broadside (6 by 12 1/4 inches), right and bottom edges uncut.

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A MEASURING WORM

A yellow-striped green Caterpillar, climbing up The steep window-screen,

Constantly (for lack Of a full set of legs) keeps Humping up his back.

It's as if he sent By a sort of semaphore Dark omegas meant

To warn of Last Things. Although he doesn't know it, He will soon have wings,

And I, too, don't know Toward what undreamt condition Inch by inch I go.

Richard Wilbur

Richard Willow

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Christian Wiman

WARTIME TRAIN

Bone-men, smoke-souls, river-wraiths, I am, I know, no light but the light of time passing.

These sparks that speak departure, that make the cold night colder: this cry I am inside is not mine.

What use to beat my hands against the glass? That the past might pass?

The instant teems

meaning, and meanness, like ants in sweets

Down the river, darkness embodied bobs up and down like a ship shaped by a child or incompetent god

Or an earth

so up-ruptured
even the mountains
are migratory.
(After Sandor Csoori)

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David Yezzi

MIDWINTER SPRING

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An accomplished poet and critic, **David Yezzi** is a former Stegner Fellow at Stanford University, and currently teaches at Johns Hopkins University. This is his first book.

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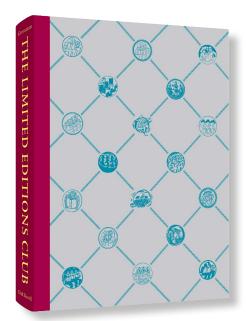
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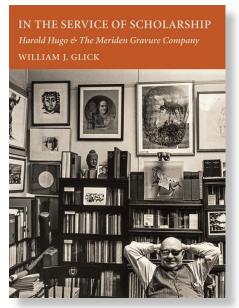
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by William J. Glick

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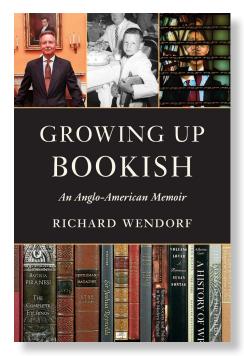
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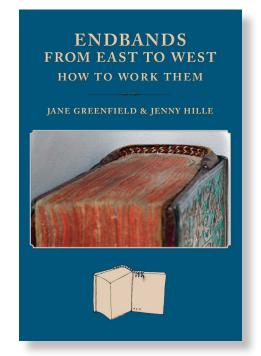
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