

Poetry

PRAISE FOR JIM DANIELS

"The poetry of Jim Daniels springs from a deep well of compassion for the working class, their plundered cities and their plundered lives. . . The poet finds dignity and redemption in the grace of baseball or the consolation of the human touch, spirituality in spite of churches, love in the mist of pesticide."

—**MARTÍN ESPADA**

"Jim Daniels keeps getting better, going deeper into his lived life to find there the language of celebration, lamentation, victory, defeat, moral ambiguity, and political and social outrage. He curses what needs to be cursed, he blesses what needs to be blessed, and he stands in silent awe and wonder at the world turning about him, a world of unaccountable suffering and unaccounted-for beauty."

—**LI-YOUNG LEE**

"Jim Daniels's poetry explores not only the realities of a blue collar, late 20th century, upper Midwest childhood, but the entirety of America's sociocultural whirlwind throughout these last six decades. Few writers believe more deeply in poetry's capacity to document the world, and documentation, in his hands, is a form of homage."

—**CAMPBELL MCGRATH**

"Jim Daniels continues to enchant and transport us across state-lines while rooting us in tragic heart lessons and the triumphs of love. These are moving, unflinching poems—brutal and brave in their pulse to assert that even after a world where "We drew lies with chalk / and the truth with tar. / We lit our hair on fire/ to cover the smell,"—there comes a beautiful reassembling of what it means to have people who sing you home."

—**AIMEE NEZHUKUMATATHIL**

JIM DANIELS has authored more than thirty collections of poetry, seven collections of fiction, and one collection of essays, and he has written four produced screenplays and edited or co-edited six anthologies. His books have won four Michigan Notable Books awards, the Brittingham Prize in Poetry, the Blue Lynx Prize for Poetry, the Tillie Olsen Creative Writing Award, the Milton Kessler Award, and three gold medals in the Independent Publisher Book Awards, among others.



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