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Clark Blaise, Canadian and American, is the author of 20 books of fiction and nonfiction. He teaches at SUNY – Stony Brook's new Southampton Campus – but lives mostly in San Francisco with his wife Bharati Mukherjee.

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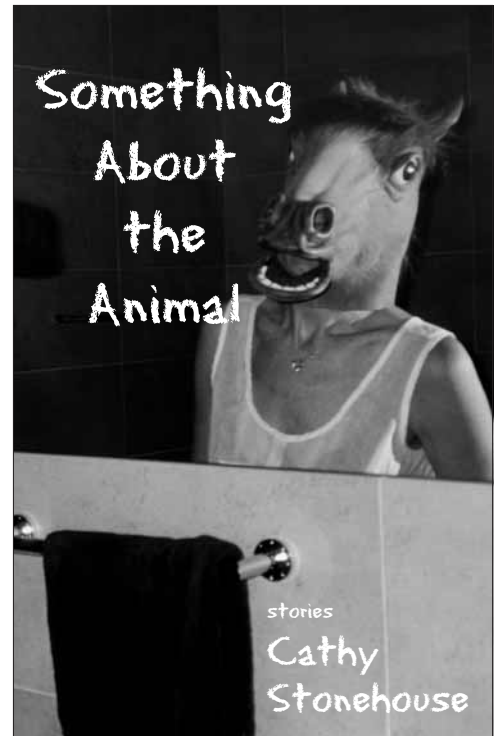
Cathy Stonehouse

The rape took place in a tiny room, a wardrobe, really. It was the summer she turned twelve; she was already fertile and the smell of mothballs and suntan lotion mingled with the sticky ectoplasm of semen sent her to another world filled with revenants and half-naked shoe salesmen she has never quite left, although her mother told her she must move on – her imperious mother, now dead, who arranged her removal that Christmas to the farm near Ottawa where Beryl gave birth to a red-faced, squirming gargoyle and vomited maple syrup back into snow: reexamining the map, the pained face of the doctor who stitched her up so delicately as if she were a ruined vase returns to question her. *Why didn't you tell anyone?*

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Cathy Stonehouse is the author of a poetry collection, *The Words I Know* (Press Gang Publishers, 1994). Her writing (poetry, fiction, nonfiction) has also appeared in numerous magazines, newspapers and anthologies including *The Globe and Mail*, *The Literary Review of Canada*, *Descant*, *Grain*, *The Malahat Review*, *The New Quarterly*, *Dropped Threads 3: Beyond the Small Circle* (Random House 2006), *White Ink: Poems on Motherhood* (Demeter Press, 2006) and *Best Canadian Stories 09*. Between 2001 and 2004 she edited the award-winning literary journal *Event* and in 2008 co-edited the well-received creative nonfiction anthology *Double Lives: Writing and Motherhood* (McGill-Queens University Press, 2008). Born and raised in the UK, she holds a BA in English from Wadham College, Oxford and an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of British Columbia. A tutor, editor and creative writing instructor she lives in East Vancouver with her husband and daughter.



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David Hickey grew up on Prince Edward Island, in western Labrador, and along the north shore of Quebec. A past recipient of the Milton Acorn Prize and the Ralph Gustafson Prize for Poetry, his first book of poetry, *In the Lights of a Midnight Plow* was a finalist for the Gerald Lampert Award. An avid runner and back yard astronomer, he currently lives in London Ontario, where he is completing a PhD in Canadian literature.

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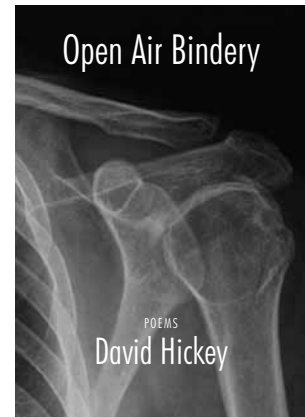
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Marsha Pomerantz grew up in New York, lived in Israel for twenty years, and now lives in Boston. Her poems and prose have been published in journals in the US, UK, and Israel, and she has translated poetry, short fiction, and a novel from the Hebrew. Her writing has been supported by two residencies at the MacDowell Colony and by a Massachusetts Cultural Council finalist grant, and she has twice been a finalist for the Poetry Society of America's Robert H. Winner Award. She works as an editor for the Harvard Art Museum.



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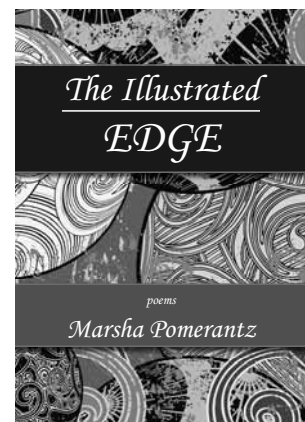
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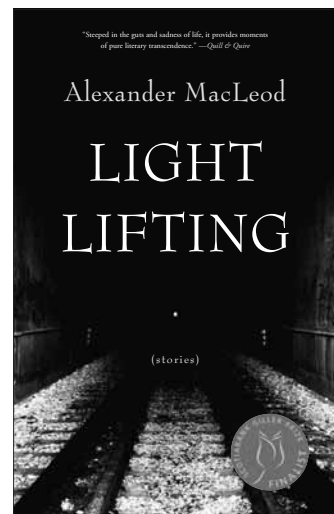
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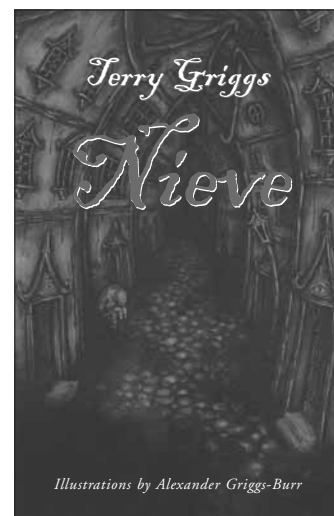
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