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This poetry collection examines life cycles, the natural world, and the author's experiences as a Deaf individual, in a uniquely irreverent yet poignant style.

Poetry. LGBT Studies. "Lovely does not suffice, nor does lyric. Eloquence is only a grasping in the space of ineffable air. There are few words or phrases that do justice to the soul singing its own revelations. That place is where LAST PSALM AT SEA LEVEL lives, where it is as solid as gold burning itself into light."—Afaa Michael Weaver

A definitive collection of today's finest spoken-word poetry

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features original work from both established and emerging spoken-word artists from around the country, with poems that combine the edgy energy of hip-hop with the drama of performance art. Original. 20,000 first printing.

Described as 'a rich, reverberative dance with memories of a haunted city' (LA Times), the poems of the prize-winning debut *Dancing in Odessa* by Ilya Kaminsky, author of *Deaf Republic*, draw on archetype, myth and Russian literary figures. Tightly realised domestic settings are invigorated with a contemporary relevance, humour and torment, and a distinctive, transcendent music. 'With his magical style in English, Kaminsky's poems in *Dancing in Odessa* seem like a literary counterpart to Chagall in which laws of gravity have been suspended and colors reassigned, but only to make

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everyday reality that much more indelible. His imagination is so transformative that we respond with equal measures of grief and exhilaration.' The American Academy of Arts and Letters 'Dancing in Odessa by Ilya Kaminsky tops the list because he is one of those rarest of finds in this or any century, a writer who establishes what poetry can be.' The New York Times

The New American Poetry and Cold War Nationalism
An Anthology

The Perseverance

The Deaf House

Deaf American Poetry

Once Upon a Twin

The talented widow of celebrated poet

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Raymond Carver shares her own resonant verses, the writing of which helped her to come to terms with the loss of her husband.

In this remarkable anthology, introduced and edited by Ilya Kaminsky and Susan Harris, poetic visions from the twentieth century will be reinforced and in many ways revised. Here, alongside renowned masters, are internationally celebrated poets who have rarely, if ever, been translated

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into English.

“One of the finest poets of the last fifty years.” –Salt to the Nth, like the truth of an ending unskeined across the crust of the white field. Though it happened only once, I am sending the thought of the thought continuing. To return to the field before the mowing. When a goldfinch swayed on a blue stem stalk, and the wind and the sun stirred the hay. –from “After the Mowing”

Cinder: New and Selected Poems gathers

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for the first time poetry from across Susan Stewart's thirty-five-year career, including many extraordinary new poems. From brief songs to longer meditative sequences, and always with formal innovation and exquisite precision, Stewart evokes the innocence of childhood, the endangered mysteries of the natural world, and deeply felt perceptions, both acute and shared.

"Stewart explores our insatiable desire to remember and make meaning out of

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this remembering,” Ange Mlinko writes in The Nation. “Stewart’s elegiac bent has broadened, over time, from the personal lyric . . . to what might be called the cultural lyric. Fewer and fewer of her poems reference what she alone remembers; they are about what you and I remember.” Reading across this retrospective collection is a singular experience of seeing the unfolding development of one of the most ingenious and moving lyric writers

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in contemporary poetry.

Boy Bear cannot hear Dad Bear coming to wake him up in the morning but he can feel the floor vibrate with his heavy footsteps. He can only grasp little bits of what his teacher says to him at school. He cannot catch what his friends are laughing at. And, all the time, Boy Bear keeps hearing the question, Can Bears ski? What does it mean? With the support of Dad Bear, Boy Bear visits an audiologist and,

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eventually, he gets hearing aids. Suddenly, he understands the question everyone has been asking him: Can you hear me? Raymond draws on his own experience to show how isolating it can be for a deaf child in a hearing world.

Customs

Deaf American Prose 1980-2010

An Anthology of Deaf American Writing, 1816-1864

What the Right Hand Knows

Queer Male Poets on the Midwestern

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Experience

Dancing in Odessa

The pleasure of reading is introduced via 13 poems. Healy's sensual, urgent debut collection moves from farmyard to cityscape as it depicts a teetering, asymmetric world. A speaker "deaf in one ear" ponders that "the Moon's dark side / has no sound"; a mother and child finally "take the journey they'd talked about" but get only "a Sunday drive on Tuesday," a near-miss "tracing circumferences." Healy's assured rhythms and measured stresses ballast the uncertainty of social relationships and bodily suffering. He seeks past the self for ways to

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act: "the task is to remember / the troubled blood of others, // and not remember // the bliss of deeper waters." This book of "salt and work," of surviving ourselves, our illnesses, and our language, tenderly explores the unsaid and under-the-surface of the separate lives we live together: "we sat // in the rocking chairs / of each other's / moods." An intimate, intelligent, and lively debut.

A novel in verse about a young deaf boy during World War II, the sister who loves him, and the conscientious objector who helps him. Inspired by true events. Henry has been deaf from an early age—he is intelligent and aware of language, but by age six, he has decided it's

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not safe to speak to strangers. When the time comes for him to start school, he is labeled "unteachable." Because his family has very little money, his parents and older sister, Molly, feel powerless to help him. Henry is sent to Riverview, a bleak institution where he is misunderstood, underestimated, and harshly treated. Victor, a conscientious objector to World War II, is part of a Civilian Public Service program offered as an alternative to the draft. In 1942, he arrives at Riverview to serve as an attendant and quickly sees that Henry is far from unteachable—he is brave, clever, and sometimes mischievous. In Victor's care, Henry begins to see how things can change for the better. Heartbreaking and

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ultimately hopeful, Helen Frost's *All He Knew* is inspired by true events and provides sharp insight into a little-known element of history.

From the Sunday Times Young Writer of the Year 2019 Shortlisted for the T. S. Eliot Prize 2021 '[Raymond Antrobus] has built another beautiful paper house which you can spend a very long and deeply satisfying time inside.' Mark Haddon 'Moving deftly between tenderness and violence, hope and grief, praise and lament, this is a deeply evocative collection that will linger in the reader's mind.' Guardian Raymond Antrobus's astonishing debut collection, *The Perseverance*, won both Rathbone Folio Prize and the Ted Hughes Award, amongst many other

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accolades; the poet's much anticipated second collection, *All The Names Given*, continues his essential investigation into language, miscommunication, place, and memory. Throughout, *All The Names Given* is punctuated with [Caption Poems] partially inspired by Deaf sound artist Christine Sun Kim, which attempt to fill in the silences and transitions between the poems, as well as moments inside and outside of them. Direct, open, formally sophisticated, *All The Names Given* breaks new ground both in form and content: the result is a timely, humane and tender book from one of the most important young poets of his generation.

Among the Leaves

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The Cambridge Companion to Twenty-First-Century American Poetry

Signing Identity

Sweet Bells Jangled

Outcasts and Angels

Collected Poems

This new study is a major contribution to sign language study and to literature generally, looking at the complex grammatical, phonological and morphological systems of sign language linguistic structure and their role in sign language poetry and performance. Chapters deal with repetition and rhyme, symmetry and balance, neologisms, ambiguity, themes, metaphor and allusion, poem and

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performance, and blending English and sign language poetry. Major poetic performances in both BSL and ASL - with emphasis on the work of the deaf poet Dorothy Miles - are analysed using the tools provided in the book.

?eing sometimes Deaf and sometimes Hearing, being able to speak well and not hear well, and being able to sign fluently in American Sign Language yet being unable to live in the Deaf community, tormented me for most of my life.??Joanne Weber In facing her torment, Weber had constructed in her imagination ? deaf house? There, deafness was a sense of personhood, not a hearing loss. There, language could be scorned and dismissed. Those who could not cope with the house rules became powerless people who were doomed to live in the attic or the

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basement. In the deaf house there was no dilemma of how to choose between adopting a Hearing identity or a Deaf one, because it was a place without such reckoning. This is the story of how Weber underwent a radical change that would allow her to reclaim her life, her husband, and her future with her children. It is a story of shape-shifting, or becoming someone else by understanding the power of paradox and confronting the politics of language. Where once two languages struggled for domination in Joanne's marriage and her family, she would adapt to controlling the struggle and understanding that her identity was not at risk within the struggle. But how she could ever explain to anyone, even her parents, that she liked being deaf and wanted to be deaf, would be an obstacle that few, if any,

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would ever understand. Although profoundly deaf, she spoke fluent English with her husband and daughters. At the same time, she fiercely clung to American Sign Language in order to maintain her identity. As a young mother, Joanne became an observer of the intimacy between her husband and their daughters and witnessed the dominance of the spoken English they shared. As her sense of isolation built, Joanne separated from her husband and began the task of raising her two daughters alone This move ironically exacerbated the difficulty of living solely within the hearing world, especially in the professional and social arenas of Joanne? teaching life. Reflecting on herself through the eyes of others who knew her as a child, through her parents, her university experience, and

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through the profound insights offered by her students, Joanne begins to change. Though the challenges of working within prescribed government systems, and the continued oppression of curricula make her want to fight furiously with these powers that be, she begins to understand that she cannot make this fight by herself. With her daughters lobbying for a reunion with their dad, and with her own weariness of restlessly moving on from one unsatisfying job to another, a long and prodding realization began to take shape. She knew she still loved the father of her children, but could she resolve the old struggles if she contacted her husband to try and continue a marriage again? Though her love of family remained a compass, the reunion renewed once again a nearly unbearable tension as Joanne struggled

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to resolve the politics of language and culture in her own home. Even her love of literature and the seasoning of travel offered little respite from the nagging demons of how her compromise could kill her spirit. But she knew she had made changes and now, by keenly observing her own Deaf experience, by drawing from her love of American Sign Language and English literature as mirrors into her own soul, she began an arduous journey toward wholeness. Her story continues and her struggle has not yet seen an end.

This collection presents a diverse cross-section of stories, essays, memoirs, and novel excerpts by a remarkable cadre of Deaf writers that mines the burgeoning bilingual deaf environment.

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A collection of literature by poets, novelists, short-story writers, playwrights, journalists, and essayists, all of whom live the deaf experience

*The New Anthology of Deaf Characters in Literature
Contemporary American Poetry Between Community and Institution*

The Ecco Anthology of International Poetry

Moon Crossing Bridge

Yellow Rain

The Deaf Island

A reinvestigation of chemical biological weapons dropped on the Hmong people in the fallout of the Vietnam War In this staggering work of documentary, poetry, and collage,

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Mai Der Vang reopens a wrongdoing that deserves a new reckoning. As the United States abandoned them at the end of the Vietnam War, many Hmong refugees recounted stories of a mysterious substance that fell from planes during their escape from Laos starting in the mid-1970s. This substance, known as “yellow rain,” caused severe illnesses and thousands of deaths. These reports prompted an investigation into allegations that a chemical biological weapon had been used against the Hmong in breach of international treaties. A Cold War scandal erupted, wrapped in partisan debate around chemical arms development versus control. And then, to the world’s astonishment, American scientists argued that yellow rain

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was the feces of honeybees defecating en masse—still held as the widely accepted explanation. The truth of what happened to the Hmong, to those who experienced and suffered yellow rain, has been ignored and discredited. Integrating archival research and declassified documents, *Yellow Rain* calls out the erasure of a history, the silencing of a people who at the time lacked the capacity and resources to defend and represent themselves. In poems that sing and lament, that contend and question, Vang restores a vital narrative in danger of being lost, and brilliantly explores what it means to have access to the truth and how marginalized groups are often forbidden that access.

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This collection of essays from one of the country's leading voices on issues facing the signing community appears at a time of troubling trends and exciting new developments. Through his lucid and accessible prose, John Lee Clark delves into questions ranging from why hearing parents of Deaf children don't sign to how written American Sign Language will change the course of Deaf literature. As a second-generation DeafBlind man, Clark also takes us on a tour of his experiences as a student, father, husband, and "client" of special services. Filled with startling observations and unapologetic assertions, *Where I Stand* challenges and broadens readers' understanding of an important but often overlooked community

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When the author was growing up deaf in a hearing family of nine children, his mother shared conflicting stories about having had a miscarriage after--or around--the time he was conceived. As an elegy to his lost twin, this book asks: If he had a twin, just how different would his life have been?have been?

This book examines Donald M. Allen's crucially influential poetry anthology *The New American Poetry, 1945–1960* from the perspectives of American Cold War nationalism and literary transnationalism, considering how the anthology expresses and challenges Cold War norms, claiming post-war Anglophone poetic innovation for the United States and reflecting the conservative American

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society of the 1950s. Examining the crossroads of politics, social life, and literature during the Cold War, this book puts Allen's anthology into its historical context and reveals how the editor was influenced by the volatile climate of nationalism and politics that pervaded every aspect of American life during the Cold War.

Reconsidering the dramatic influence that Allen's anthology has had on the way we think about and anthologize American poetry, and recontextualizing *The New American Poetry* as a document of the Cold War, this study not only helps us come to a more accurate understanding of how the anthology came into being, but also encourages new ways of thinking about all of

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Anglophone poetry, from the twentieth century and today.

Analysing Sign Language Poetry

Listening Through the Bone

Deaf Lit Extravaganza

Poems

A Mighty Change

No Walls of Stone

A Poetry Book of the Year at The Guardian, The Sunday Times, and Poetry School Winner of the Ted Hughes Award, Rathbones Folio Prize, and Somerset Maugham Award; shortlisted for the Griffin Poetry Prize In the wake of his father's death, the speaker in Raymond Antrobus' The

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Perseverance travels to Barcelona. In Gaudi's Cathedral, he meditates on the idea of silence and sound, wondering whether acoustics really can bring us closer to God. Receiving information through his hearing aid technology, he considers how deaf people are included in this idea. "Even though," he says, "I have not heard / the golden decibel of angels, / I have been living in a noiseless / palace where the doorbell is pulsating / light and I am able to answer." The Perseverance is a collection of poems examining a d/Deaf experience alongside meditations on loss, grief, education, and language, both spoken

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and signed. It is a book about communication and connection, about cultural inheritance, about identity in a hearing world that takes everything for granted, about the dangers we may find (both individually and as a society) if we fail to understand each other.

In Poetic Culture, Christopher Beach questions the cultural significance of poetry, both as a canonical system and as a contemporary practice. By analyzing issues such as poetry's loss of audience, the "anthology wars" of the 1950s and early 1960s, the academic and institutional orientation of current poetry, the

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poetry slam scene, and the efforts to use television as a medium for presenting poetry to a wider audience, Beach presents a sociocultural framework that is fundamental to an understanding of the poetic medium. While calling for new critical methods that allow us to examine poetry beyond the limits of the accepted contemporary canon, and beyond the terms in which canonical poetry is generally discussed and evaluated, Beach also makes a compelling case for poetry and its continued vitality both as an aesthetic form and as a site for the creation of community and value.

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Since 1976, when Trent Batson and Eugene Bergman released their classic *Angels and Outcasts: An Anthology of Deaf Characters in Literature*, much has transpired, turning around the literary criticism regarding portrayals of deaf people in print, changes reflected in Edna Edith Sayers' new collection *Outcasts and Angels: The New Anthology of Deaf Characters in Literature*. *Introduction to American Deaf Culture* provides a fresh perspective on what it means to be Deaf in contemporary hearing society. The book offers an overview of Deaf art, literature, history, and humor, and touches on political, social and

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cultural themes.

Laura Redden Searing : a Deaf Poet Restored

Cinder

Poetic Culture

Poetics of American Sign Language Poetry

Last Psalm at Sea Level

In *Among the Leaves*, 18 queer male poets share stories what it means to live in the Midwest. We learn what it's like for them to play football and come up short. We feel their lingering effects of bullying. We experience the undeniable power of

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seasons affecting their moods as they ache for a meaningful connection. We learn what it means to celebrate in spite of the odds against them. But more than anything, we discover anew through their poems the redemptive power of love and renewal among the leaves growing and falling.

This anthology showcases for the first time the best works of Deaf poets throughout the nation's history, 95 poems by 35 masters from the early 19th century to modern times.

Ilya Kaminsky's astonishing parable in

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poems asks us, What is silence? Deaf Republic opens in an occupied country in a time of political unrest. When soldiers breaking up a protest kill a deaf boy, Petya, the gunshot becomes the last thing the citizens hear—they all have gone deaf, and their dissent becomes coordinated by sign language. The story follows the private lives of townspeople encircled by public violence: a newly married couple, Alfonso and Sonya, expecting a child; the brash Momma Galya, instigating the insurgency from her puppet theater; and

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Introduction to American Deaf Culture

All The Names Given

Deaf Ethnicity and Ancestry

New and Selected Poems

I Am the Book

Bum Rush the Page

The fourth volume in the Gallaudet Classics in Deaf Studies series features more than 70 poems by Civil War poet Laura

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Redden Searing.

This unique collection of essays, accompanied by a pioneering DVD, at last brings a dazzling view of the literary, social, and performative aspects of American Sign Language to a wide audience. The book presents the work of a renowned and diverse group of deaf, hard-of-hearing, and hearing scholars who examine original ASL poetry, narrative, and drama. The DVD showcases the poems and narratives under discussion in their original form, providing access to them for hearing non-signers for the first time. Together, the book and DVD provide new insight into the history, culture, and creative achievements of the deaf community while expanding the scope of the visual and performing arts, literary criticism, and comparative

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literature.

This celebration of short stories, poems, and essays gives us a glimpse into the Deaf signing community, something that literature by hearing authors featuring deaf characters has rarely done. Between these covers, a Deaf couple fights over their son's language use, an Australian woman joins the community as an adult, a Deaf woman's body is fished out a dumpster, and a British Deaf poet wants to keep "zombies"-hearing people-out. The range of perspectives is astonishing, including opposing views. In one story, a hearing journalist tells us about the infamous Milan congress of educators who banned sign language in 1880, while in another story, a Deaf woman tells us what it's like to have a hearing

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journalist interview her and her husband for a "human interest" story. Even in pieces that are about just one Deaf person, readers get a powerful sense of life in one of the most vibrant and least understood communities.

What are ethnic groups? Are Deaf people who sign American Sign Language (ASL) an ethnic group? In *The People of the Eye*, Deaf studies, history, cultural anthropology, genetics, sociology, and disability studies are brought to bear as the authors compare the values, customs, and social organization of the Deaf World to those in ethnic groups. Arguing against the common representation of ASL signers as a disability group, the authors discuss the many challenges to Deaf ethnicity in this first book-length examination of these issues.

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Stepping deeper into the debate around ethnicity status, *The People of the Eye* also describes, in a compelling narrative, the story of the founding families of the Deaf World in the US. Tracing ancestry back hundreds of years, the authors reveal that Deaf people's preference to marry other Deaf people led to the creation of Deaf clans, and thus to shared ancestry and the discovery that most ASL signers are born into the Deaf World, and many are kin. In a major contribution to the historical record of Deaf people in the US, *The People of the Eye* portrays how Deaf people- and hearing people, too- lived in early America. For those curious about their own ancestry in relation to the Deaf World, the figures and an associated website present pedigrees for over two hundred lineages that

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extend as many as three hundred years and are unique in genealogy research. The book contains an every-name index to the pedigrees, providing a rich resource for anyone who is interested in Deaf culture.

Rethinking U.S. Poetry, Acts of Translating American Sign Language, African American, and Chicano Poetry and the Language of Silence

Tom Thomson in Purgatory

An Anthology of Literature by Deaf and Hard of Hearing Writers

From Carnival to the Canon

Where I Stand

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"This dissertation interrogates issues of national cultural identity articulated in poetic discourse through an exploration of late 20th Century Deaf (American Sign Language/ASL), African American, and Chicano poetic language and products. Further, I investigate the effects of various translation theories and methods on publically articulated national identities found in poetry and poetic language. The project as a whole poses these questions: What does it mean to not hear when we traditionally conceive of poetry as voice? What happens to poetry as genre when we add a body of poetic literature that is signed rather than voiced? What constitutes U.S.

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literature? How can we conceive translation as a tool for resisting hegemony rather than as a tool for reinforcing hegemony? What role does translation play in U.S. literature and in U.S. literary pedagogy? What role should it play? In answer, I offer new metaphors for encountering and discussing alterity and a new paradigm for translation"--Abstract.

If future volumes are of as high quality as this, those too will be a welcome addition to the study of deaf literature.

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"The moment when a society must contend with a powerful language other than its own is a decisive point in

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its evolution. This moment is occurring now in American society". Peters explains precisely how ASL literature achieved this moment, tracing its past and predicting its future in this trailblazing study. Peters connects ASL literature to the literary canon with the archetypal notion of carnival as "the counterculture of the dominated". Throughout history carnivals have been opportunities for the "low", disenfranchised elements of society to displace their "high" counterparts. Citing the Deaf community's long tradition of "literary nights" and festivals like the Deaf Way, Peters recognizes similar forces at work in the propagation of ASL literature. The agents of this

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movement, Deaf artists and ASL performers -- "Tricksters", as Peters calls them -- jump between the two cultures and languages. Through this process they create a synthesis of English literary content reinterpreted in sign language, which also raises the profile of ASL as a distinct art form in itself. Peters applies her analysis to the craft's landmark works, including Douglas Bullard's novel *Islay* and Ben Bahan's video-recorded narrative *Bird of a Different Feather*. *Deaf American Literature*, the only work of its kind, is its own seminal moment in the emerging discipline of ASL literary criticism.

Can Bears Ski?

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A Def Poetry Jam

Poetry

Signing the Body Poetic

Deaf Republic

The People of the Eye

A new poetic century demands a new set of approaches.

This Companion shows that American poetry of the twenty-first century, while having important continuities with the poetry of the previous century, takes place in new modes and contexts that require new critical paradigms.

Offering a comprehensive introduction to studying the poetry of the new century, this collection highlights the

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new, multiple centers of gravity that characterize American poetry today. Essays on African American, Asian American, Latinx, and Indigenous poetics respond to the centrality of issues of race and indigeneity in contemporary American discourse. Other essays explore poetry and feminism, poetry and disability, and queer poetics. The environment, capitalism, and war emerge as poetic preoccupations, alongside a range of styles from spoken word to the avant-garde, and an examination of poetry's place in the creative writing era.

All He Knew

On the Signing Community and My DeafBlind

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Experience

Essays on American Sign Language Literature