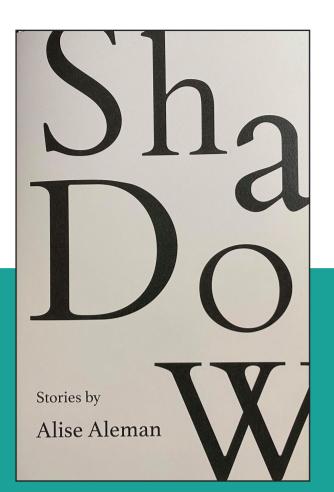
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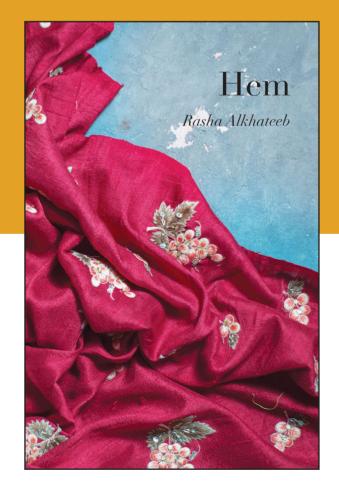
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Alise Aleman grew up outside of Orlando, Florida. As a child who loved to read, she was fascinated by a writer's ability to absorb and invent the texture of others' lives. Alise now resides in Baltimore and is a graduate of The University of Baltimore's MFA program in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts. When she isn't too busy writing or working, you can find her reading a romance novel by the flame from one of her many candles. *Shadow* is Alise's first short story collection.

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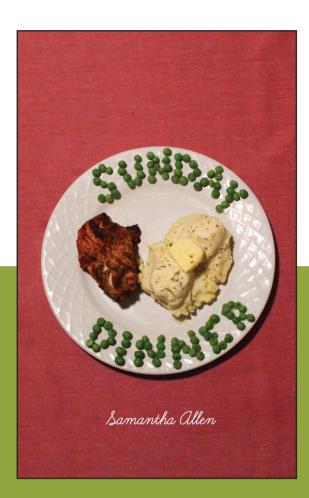
#### **RASHA ALKHATEEB**

Rasha Alkhateeb received her MFA in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts from The University of Baltimore, where she served as Managing Editor of *Welter*. Her poems write about growing up between the United States and the Middle East.



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#### **SAMANTHA ALLEN**

Samantha Allen started writing on a typewriter in her grandparents' attic as a child. Once in high school, she went back and forth between writing and theater. After majoring in Performing Arts at community college, she transferred to The University of Baltimore and went back to her first love, English. The rest is a tale of dramatic short stories and a passion for creativity wrapped up in an academic journey that ended in her MFA.

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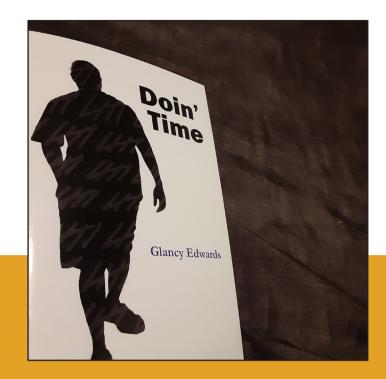
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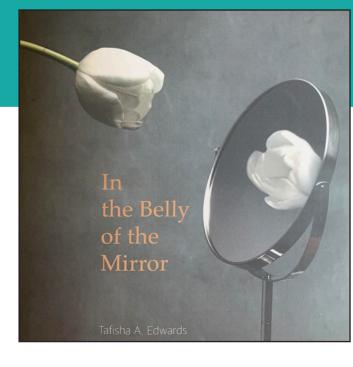
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Glancy is a 52-year-old father of seven daughters, one son, and one angel. A survivor of being a Black man in America, and his own self-destructive tendencies. A lover of majestic melodies, and lyrics that lance the soul at its essence. A reader of anything that can capture his elusive attention or what he believes may elevate his attentiveness to being what God created him to be. An MFA candidate at The University of Baltimore. And a writer of a new life. A vilomah and still going.

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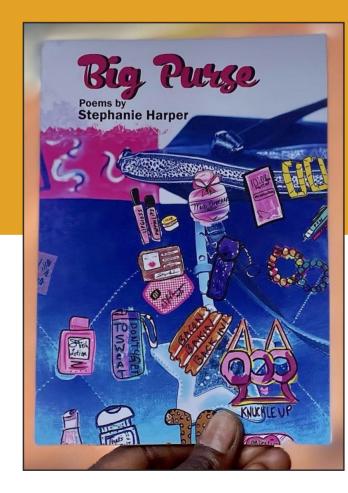
#### SIERRA FARRARE

Sierra Farrare is a first-time author and graduate of The University of Baltimore's MFA Program in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts. As a native Baltimorean and lifelong writer, people watching has become her favorite extreme sport. When she's not busy writing, Sierra can usually be found color-coding or organizing her workplace or dissecting obscure pop culture theories.

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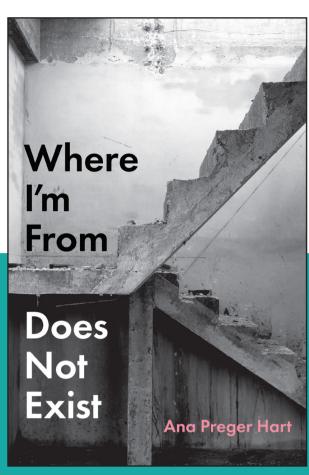
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Stephanie Harper is a poet and writer originally from Kansas City, KS. While completing her M.F.A. degree at The University of Baltimore she focused her work and movement on edgy tactical lyricism. Her roots in music, public speaking, and theater contribute to the feminine black perspective she wishes to execute within every piece.



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#### **ANA PREGER HART**

Ana Preger Hart is a bilingual essayist, poet, book designer, and educator. She received her MFA in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts from The University of Baltimore. Ana was born and raised (mostly) in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and now lives in her adoptive home of Baltimore, with her husband, daughter, two dogs, and a cat.

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Chris Hart is a Baltimore-based writer/editor. *Useful* is his first book. Born in a small town in southern Indiana, Chris's circuitous path toward writing has included a lot of different jobs: delivering refrigerators, hauling U.S. currency between branches of a sleepy bank, packing fish and crabs in Alaska, framing fine art, covering government as a reporter and photographer, managing communications for universities, painting houses, and lots more. *Useful* is about working, but more precisely how work changes people.

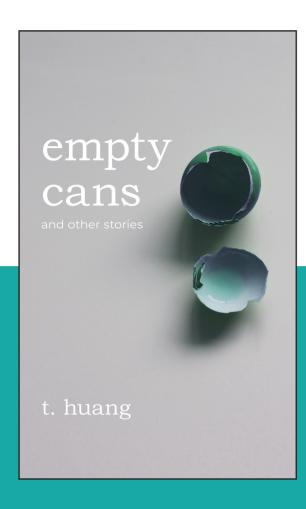
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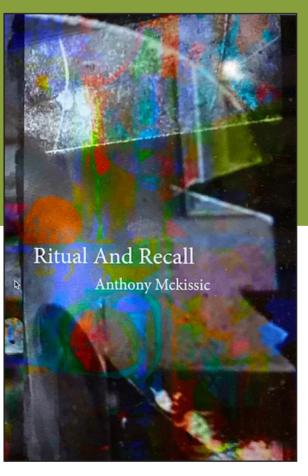
#### T. HUANG

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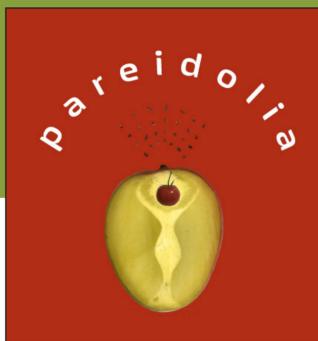
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Aaron Tucker was born and raised in Baltimore, MD. He earned an MFA in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts from The University of Baltimore in 2021. His poetry and prose has appeared in literary magazines such as *Fine Print* and *Skelter*. He is an avid runner and pro wrestling fan who maintains a hate-love relationship with the word "organic."

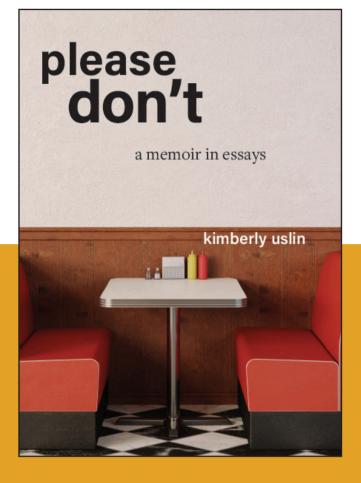


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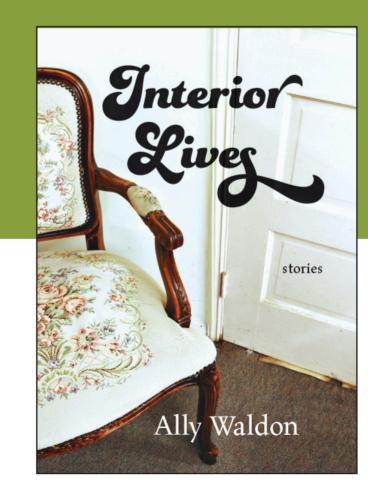
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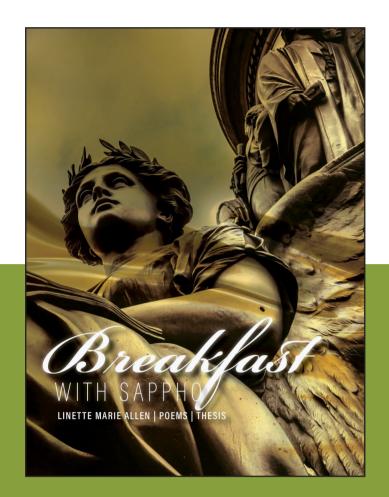
#### **ALLY WALDON**

Ally Waldon is finally comfortable with referring to herself as a writer since receiving her MFA in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts from UBalt. Many of her story ideas come from an elaborate dream journal that she keeps in the notes section of her phone. She lives in Baltimore City with her family and her very dramatic cat, Little Edie (although she is more medium sized as of late). This is her first collection.



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#### LINETTE MARIE ALLEN

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