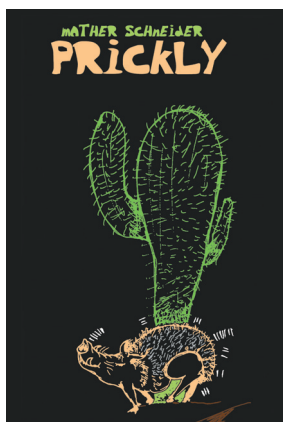


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Mather Schneider was born in 1970 in Peoria, Illinois. He attended several colleges but never attained a degree. After living in Washington state for eight years, he moved to Tucson, Arizona in 1997 where he married a Mexican woman and began traveling in Mexico. He has worked many jobs and now drives a taxi. He has had several hundred poems and stories published since 1994 in places such as *River Styx*, *Rattle*, *Nimrod*, *Hanging Loose*, *Rosebud*, *Pank* and *New York Quarterly*. *Prickly* is his fourth full-length book.

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