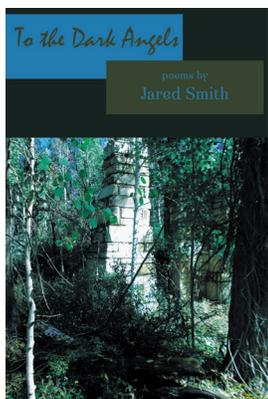


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### Richard Broderick

"A murmuring blows across these stars at night./Our fine-tuned eyes turned up cannot hear the song..." Jared Smith declares ("Voyagers") in his newest collection, then proceeds, poem after poem, to do exactly that, turning his fine tuned eyes (and ears) toward the cosmos and transcribing its song. This is a finely wrought work of loss and longing, of stories whose narrative details track back and forth across the only apparently firm boundary separating dreams from waking life.

### Kyle Laws

Jared Smith writes "...the black ink of man's meanings when he is lost...remind me he is always lost, but that...he speaks...to draw others in to catch their breath." The poems in his latest collection allow plenty of respite in which to catch the breath. They remind us, as William Carlos Williams said, "No ideas but in things," that the landscapes we inhabit are packed full of the metaphysical. Under Jared's skillful hand, we move with ease between the physical and philosophical reaching the thoughtful spaces in our lives we crave. *To the Dark Angels* is "the sun...fully risen and the snow...fully flown."

Jared Smith is the author of nine previous volumes of poetry, dating from 1983, in addition to two CDs, and stage adaptations of his work in New York and Chicago. Actively involved in the literary and poetry scene for more than 40 years, he has served as an Editorial Board Member, Board Member, and Advisory Board Member of *The New York Quarterly*; as a Contributing Editor for *Home Planet News*; as Poetry Editor of *Trail & Timberline*; and several-time Guest Editor of *The Pedestal Magazine*; as well as past President of Poets & Patrons in Chicago; and host of three reading venues during the 1980s in New York's Greenwich Village; among other ventures in the arts.

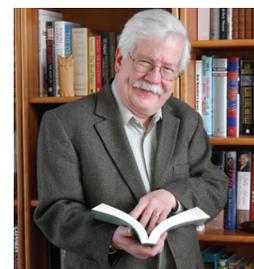


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