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poems by  
Tony Gloeggler

September 30, 2015 - New York, NY - NYQ Books™ is proud to announce the release of *Until the Last Light Leaves* by Tony Gloeggler. Driven by the rhythms of everyday language and filled with details only a lifelong outsider registers, Gloeggler sheds light on a world habitually ignored. Covering the 35 or so years the poet has worked in group homes for the developmentally disabled and his relationship with his ex-girlfriend's autistic son, this book goes beneath the labels. No one's special or exceptional, cursed or looking for pity. It's just individuals with different talents and shortcomings trying to make it from one day to the next with maybe a little extra help. It's the frustrations, the tedium, the care and love, the well-earned dignity, the sense of helplessness that sometimes overwhelms and the rare epiphanies. It's all about connections, commitments and bonds and realizing that we are more like each other than we're ever comfortable to admit

"No one breaks through to the surface of the heart like Tony Gloeggler, no one translates so many levels of human with such unwavering courage, such fierce lyricism. These are the stories of a man firmly rooted in the unrelenting miracle of the changing life. He introduces us to those so many of us choose not to see, and he deftly aligns our lives, and our dreams, with theirs."

—Patricia Smith

"After running into Tony at the corner of 8th Avenue and Greenwich Avenue while pushing William Packard back to his apartment from Jackson Square Park, Bill turned to me and said, 'Now that is a guy whose poems I remember.' That was the first time I ever met Tony and now, all these years later, I understand what Bill meant: These poems are filled with such humanity that one cannot forget them."

—Raymond Hammond

Tony Gloeggler was born in Brooklyn and lives in Queens. He's managed a group home for developmentally disabled men in Boerum Hill for over 35 years. His poems have appeared in numerous journals and anthologies. His chapbook *One on One* received the 1998 Pearl Poetry Prize. Pavement Saw Press published his first full length collection, *One Wish Left*, in 2002. *My Other Life* was published by Jane Street Press in 2004 and *Greatest Hits: 1984-2009* was put out by Pudding House in 2009. *The Last Lie* was published in 2010 by NYQ Books, and Bittersweet Editions has recently published a collaboration between Tony and photographer, Marco North, titled *Tony Come Back August*.

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