

canvas: poems

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ABOUT CANVAS

In his debut collection, James Morehead paints powerful images through the thoughtful selection and careful placement of words.

*heart racing from stress dreams:
fleeing or falling or any of the frenetic scenes
that purge my mind of pandemic news
only to be refilled day after day after quarantine day*

PRAISE FOR CANVAS

"James Morehead's canvas opens itself to the poetry of everyday life, where stanzas are etched in sand, and poems end in sunset. Combining micro-narratives of Boston bullies cornering a young boy, with minute descriptions of time in quarantine, it draws us into moving tableaux of tenacious attention to what went down, what might come up, and where we might find ourselves. These are poems to be savored, re-read, kept handy for those times when only poetry will do."

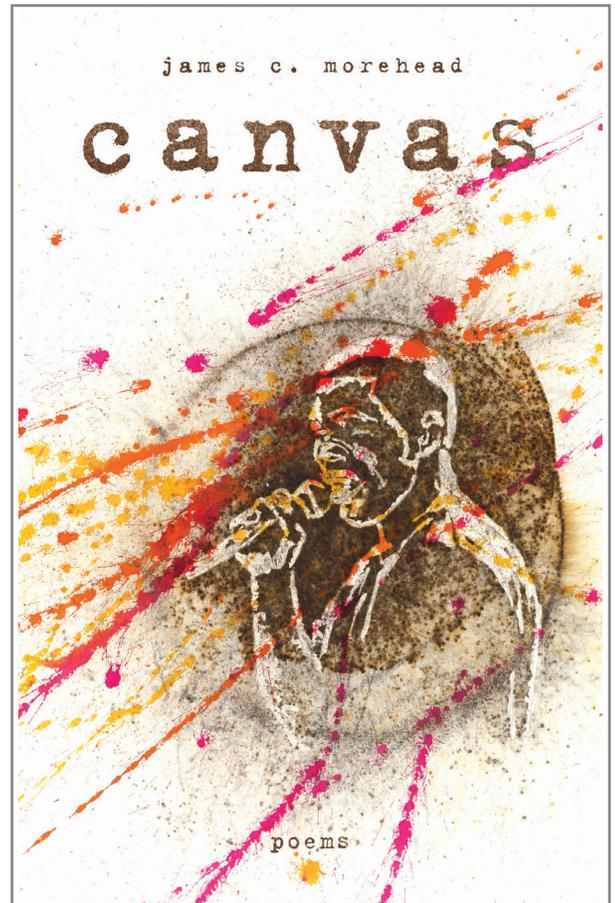
- W. J. T. Mitchell, Senior Editor, Critical Inquiry and Gaylord Donnelley Distinguished Service Professor, English and Art History, University of Chicago

"Beauty breathes in these debut poems: from the elegant *limano* to strong *silences*. Poet, James Morehead is a world traveler who treats readers to excursions that harken back to his alluring title poem, *canvas*, and other portraits. These memoir poems sing in a universal language."

- Regina Harris Baiocchi, Author of *Indigo Sound*, *Urban Haiku*, and *Blues Haiku*.

"James creates an enchanting melody of poetic sound for the reader page after page. He notices life's details with a tender yet precise eye, down to the 'streets glistening with midnight rain' and 'summer bursting outwards / fierce from its slumber.' Using this keen observation, James breaks past life's routines to uncover gems of beauty. To read *canvas* is to be transported to a world infused with meaning and memory."

- Morgan Liphart, author of *Barefoot and Running*



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