

portraits of red and gray: memoir poems

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ABOUT *PORTRAITS OF RED AND GRAY*

In this collection of memoir poems, James C. Morehead (Poet Laureate of Dublin, California) brings universal themes to life through journeys to the USSR and the mountains of Tuscany, the concert halls in San Francisco and a tiny town in Wyoming, the cables of Yosemite's Half Dome and the beaches of Normandy.

PRAISE FOR *PORTRAITS OF RED AND GRAY*

"In this second collection of poems, James Morehead's imagery is vivid, spare and elemental, and it is consistently chosen and arranged to achieve intensely poetic effects. The rhythmic control is impeccable. The centerpiece of this collection, a long series of poems that chronicle a trip through the former Soviet Union, is a fast moving, impressionistic feast of imagery. Sunglasses, denim shirts, vodka debauches, dollars, rubles, steely-eyed Russian authorities ever on the lookout for forbidden deals - all of it is transparent and engaging."

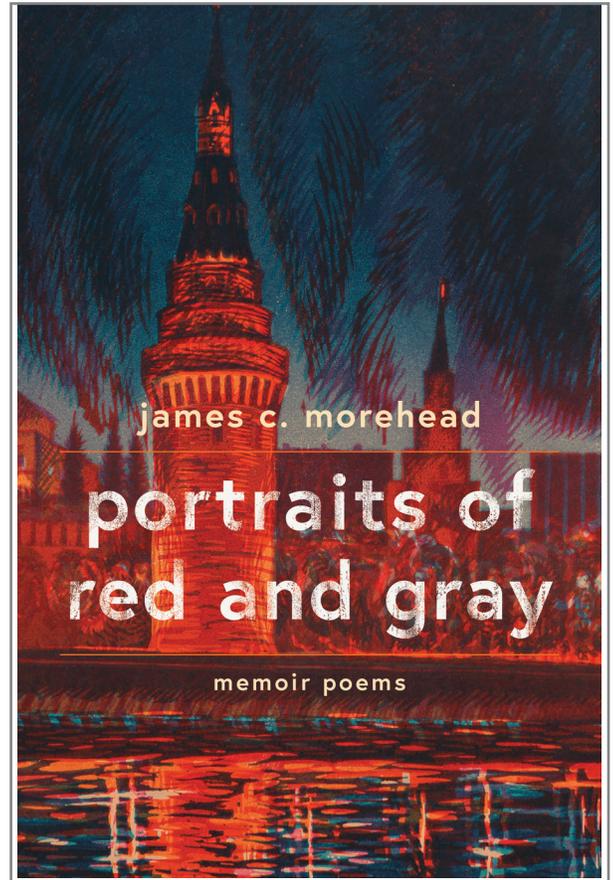
- **Carmine Di Biase, Distinguished Professor of English, Emeritus - Jacksonville State University**

"In *portraits of red and gray* by James C. Morehead we travel with him through boyhood and manhood: camping with his dad, working in his high school years far away from home every summer, his time as a teen in Russia traveling during spring break with his school. The vulnerability and humanity expressed in these poems is moving. Morehead writes, '...I had to wait / for my tears to dry before dropping in quarters to call home.'"

- **Angie Trudell Vasquez, Author and Madison, WI Poet Laureate**

"James Morehead's collection, *portraits of red and gray* resonates with the adventurer in all of us, magnifying the beauty and dynamism of the human condition while navigating life's most fragile and poignant moments."

- **Jessica Sabo, poet and author of *A Body of Impulse***



ABOUT JAMES C. MOREHEAD

James Morehead is Poet Laureate of Dublin, CA. *portraits of red and gray* is his second collection, and he hosts the Viewless Wings Poetry Podcast. James' poem "tethered" was transformed into an award-winning animated short film, "gallery" was set to music for baritone and piano, and his poems have appeared in numerous publications. He is currently based in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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