

# The Plague Doctor (in three acts)

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## ABOUT THE PLAGUE DOCTOR

A mesmerizing collection of eerie, image-rich poems that explore the fleeting nature of existence and friendship, inspired by the world of art and artists.

## PRAISE FOR THE PLAGUE DOCTOR

“James Morehead’s poetry pulses with vibrant detail. Whether it’s Jimmy Page strumming a mandolin or ruminations of a sourdough starter, Morehead’s speaker is equally intent on listening. In this new collection, this poet has created a vivid document that captures what it means to be perpetually inspired by the world in all its facets.”

—Tina Cane, Poet Laureate of Rhode Island and author of *Body of Work* and *Year of the Murder Hornet*

“The literary community has been waiting for a collection like this, which moves beyond simple ekphrasis, creating poetry that illuminates art as well as the reader’s understanding of what it means to be human.”

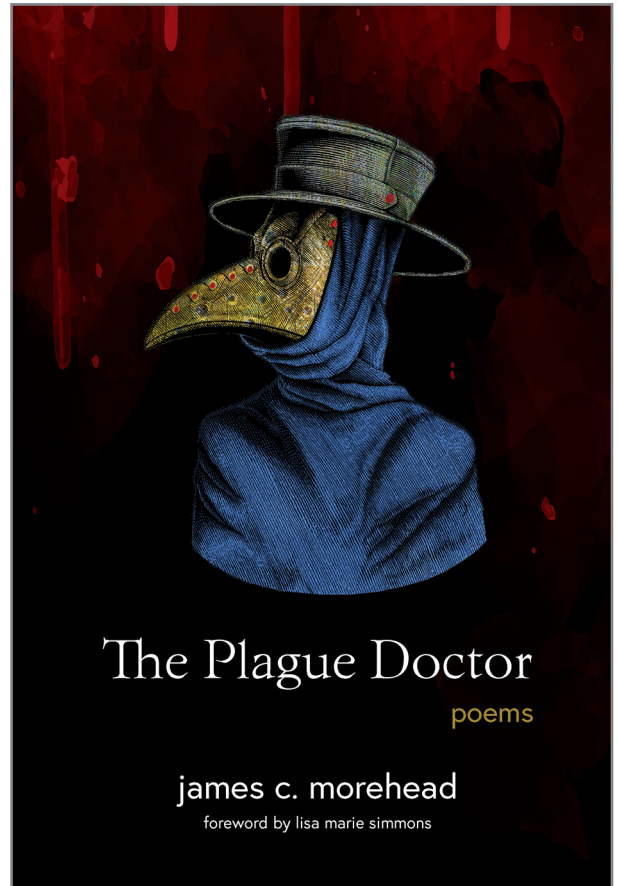
—Kristina Marie Darling, Editor in Chief, *Tupelo Press & Tupelo Quarterly*

“The poems ricochet off the visual images in unexpected ways, so that this book - where word and image converge - reminds me of a pinball machine. As in that song by The Who, Morehead is our ‘pinball wizard.’ Whether writing free verse, haikus, or ballad-like rhymes, he ‘sure plays a mean pinball.’ Morehead creates his own boisterous ‘cacophony of bells / that flash in reds, greens, and golds.’”

—Donald Platt, author of *Swansdown*

“These poems showcase the ability of Morehead to turn his pen towards decidedly more ominous imagery with a deft manipulation of his singular talent: the skillful use of imagery coupled with his perceptive take on the subject matter.”

—Lisa Marie Simmons, poet / singer / songwriter



## ABOUT JAMES C. MOREHEAD

James Morehead is Poet Laureate of Dublin, CA. *The Plague Doctor* is his third 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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