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## NYQ Books™ Announces the Forthcoming Publication of *Daddy* by Michael Montlack



February 27, 2020 - Beacon, NY - NYQ Books™ is proud to announce the forthcoming publication of *Daddy* by Michael Montlack. In his second collection of poems, Montlack reminds us that many people in our lives are daddies to us in one way or another. With humbleness and respect, he pays homage to these many parents in his life while addressing his own role as an uncle and middle-aging gay man. Playful but poignant, his poems move from the personal to the political, from sorrowful to sexy to silly. Somehow in its darkest moments, Montlack's colorful cast—a dramatic twin sister, mysterious birth mother, aloof ex-boyfriend, even Stevie Nicks and Medusa—win your respect and maybe even your heart.

“*Daddy* brilliantly captures the full spectrum of gay life from childhood through middle age: all its camp humor and devastating losses, its plentiful joy and wrenching pain, its isolating loneliness and tender friendships, its raw sexuality and sincere love. Through accessible yet immensely poetic language at its best, Montlack ultimately transcends his own story to convey and confirm the humanity of us all, regardless.”

—Richard Blanco, Presidential Inaugural Poet, author of *How to Love a Country*

“*Daddy* offers us poetry drenched in irony, sexiness, and transformation. Michael Montlack is the ideal companion to guide us through contemporary maps of desire, identity, culture, and family. Vibrant in voice and imagery, *Daddy* shines...an unforgettably truthful body of power in language and depth. Prepare to listen and to be drawn into a world of which Montlack writes, ‘Someone’s out there,/attempting in the dark distance/to tell us something, recognizing our capacity/to hear...’”

—Rachel Eliza Griffiths, author of *Seeing the Body*

“There are many kinds of daddies in this book, many kinds of fathers and mothers—be they biological or adoptive, or a former therapist, or a sister, or a pop icon. I was struck by the guilelessness of Montlack’s voice, and moved by the tenderness with which he renders intimate moments. His poems not only earned my trust, they won my affection.”

—David Trinidad, author of *Notes on a Past Life*

“This is a lively sensibility at work in Montlack’s poems, irreverent, direct and fully American. I admire their irrepressible humor, their honesty and humility, as well as their eye for the quirky detail. They rise from a fully inhabited life, from the personal to the political: portrait poems, family poems, a record of the true self coming to terms with the world.”

—Joseph Millar, author of *Kingdom*

Michael Montlack is the editor of the Lambda Finalist essay anthology *My Diva: 65 Gay Men on the Women Who Inspire Them* (University of Wisconsin Press) and author of the poetry collection *Cool Limbo* (NYQ Books) and three chapbooks. His poems have appeared in *North American Review*, *Hotel Amerika*, *Poet Lore*, *The Cincinnati Review*, *The Offing*, and *Los Angeles Review*. He lives in NYC and teaches for CUNY and Gotham Writers Workshop.



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