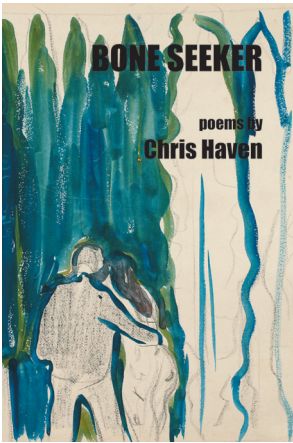


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NYQ Books™ Announces the Publication of *Bone Seeker* by Chris Haven



March 25, 2021 - Beacon, NY - NYQ Books™ is proud to announce the publication of *Bone Seeker*. Chris Haven's debut collection of poems, *Bone Seeker*, celebrates the mystery of what we take into our lives and what we can't let go of. In lyrics, prose poems, and persona poems from voices ranging from Marie Curie to Emma Darwin to Janis Joplin, we journey through parenthood and politics, song and miracle, and life and loss, wondering, "will the cold things inside/ Of you light up, as they should, for no reason?"

"These poems radiate out into the world of dark and empty spaces even while concentrating in the body's scaffolding. These powerful poems read like a Geiger counter, clicking off the many radioactive hooks outrageous fortune has seeded at our core."

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"The[se] poems guide us through war zones, blank spaces, domestic scenes, ornithology and the mythical lands of wish and trust, walking a tightrope suspended above hope and its denial. Like Frost, Haven wonders what to do with the diminished world; in his poem, 'The Songbird's Song,' he concludes, 'Nothing left to do but sing,' which these poems do with a fresh poignancy, providing bittersweet consolation."

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"The world Haven describes is dark, but his *Bone Seeker* sees clearly with X-ray eyes. I found myself grappling with the fallout of these poems, wildly invented, grateful for the amusement because the insights were so bountiful and humane. Guided but disoriented, disturbed but reassured, I was happy to go wherever."

—L. S. Klatt, author of *The Wilderness After Which*

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—Dean Rader, author of *Works & Days* and *Self-Portrait as Wikipedia Entry*

Chris Haven was born in Oklahoma, the son of a grocer and a storyteller. *Bone Seeker* is his first book of poems. He is also the author of a collection of stories, *Nesting Habits of Flightless Birds*, from Tailwinds Press. His poems can be found in a number of journals and magazines including where he won the Deborah Tall Award for Lyric Essay. Chris came to Michigan by way of Texas, Kansas, and the red dirt of Oklahoma and has degrees in Creative Writing from the University of Kansas, Texas State University, and the University of Houston. He lives with his family in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he teaches courses in writing and style at Grand Valley State University

