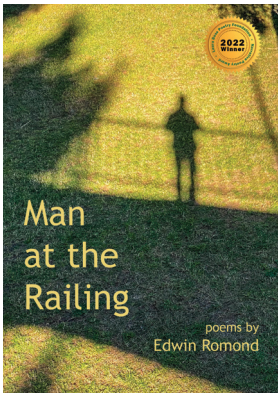


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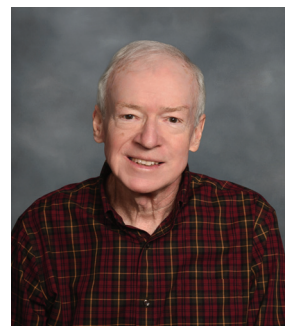
In this exquisitely crafted collection, “joy / and loss join hands.” The reader is welcomed into a world where “Miles and Monk poured out notes / like apple wine,” where Hank Aaron “did his own breaking,” and a worthless day turns wondrous as the speaker bathes his infant son, “water on my sleeve / and soap on my nose.” With Romond as our graceful guide we visit bygone theatres, musical halls, and stadiums, where Anne Frank, Johnny Mathis, and Jessie Owens preside alongside parents, mentors, and friends. With his gift for resonant imagery, a kayak “moves through water softly, / like a raindrop down the gloss / of an apple” and deer “snuggle / like family pets ... absol[ing] ... men for arrows and bullets aimed at their breed.” In “Nighttime Radio,” the speaker longs “to send / music and verse into the world of night.” *Man at the Railing* does just that.

—Martha Silano, Author of *Gravity Assist*

Edwin Romond’s *Man at the Railing* brilliantly demonstrates how it is possible to see the world newly with the wisdom of perspective. In this volume, Romond is a virtuosic architect who employs the emptinesses left by heartbreak and other sorrows to fashion gorgeous, livable spaces. His materials: deeply-felt experiences and an immutable belief in the dignity of others. This marvelous book shines a warm yet honest light on the spots where, as he writes in the title poem, “joy and loss join hands.” I have admired and learned from Romond’s work for decades, and this is his finest book yet.

—BJ Ward, Author of *Jackleg Opera*, Recipient of the Paterson Award for Literary Excellence

Edwin Romond is the author of five collections of poetry, his work has appeared in journals, college textbooks, and has been featured on NPR’s *The Writer’s Almanac*. He has been awarded poetry fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and from both the New Jersey and Pennsylvania State Councils on the Arts. His poem, “Champion,” won the 2013 New Jersey Poetry Prize. Romond was a public school teacher for 32 years in Wisconsin and New Jersey. A native of Woodbridge, NJ, he now lives in Wind Gap, PA with his wife and son.



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