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Editorial Review

Review

"Girmay has Eritrean, Puerto Rican, and African-American roots; the section titled 'a book of erased cities' brings a poignant, multifaceted sense of loss..." — *Publishers Weekly*

"There is a saying in Spanish, 'Cada cabeza es un mundo,' which translates 'every mind is a universe unto itself.' And Girmay's world, universe, opens new ways of seeing the simplest things and giving them voice. Everything contains some clue of another self, body or kindred spirit. Like an archaeologist, she digs deeply finding herself in every living thing, even in the inanimate. Her magic is poetry at its best."—*National Book Critics Circle*

"A cunning consideration of mortality, humanity, and the responsibility of the voice that bears witnesses..." —*Los Angeles Review*

"Vibrant, so much of everything I want to see everywhere: color and joy and snap." —*Holly Wendt, blogger*

Aracelis Girmay announced as winner of the 2015 Whiting Award: "[Girmay's] project seems to be our deep and ongoing subjectivity, our vulnerability to history, to one another, to desire, and to the belief in something large and lasting that we might belong to. There's empathy, play, and fearlessness here, and both formal and emotional range. The beauty of these poems is always married to a deep, implacable pang. Their consolation is always rooted in the unifying force of remembered loss." —**Whiting Award Judges**

About the Author

Aracelis Girmay: Aracelis Girmay's debut poetry collection, *Teeth*, was published by Curbstone Press and was awarded the GLCA New Writers Award. Her poems have, most recently, been published in *Black Renaissance Noir*, *Gulf Coast*, *A Public Space*, & *Callaloo*, among other journals.

A Cave Canem Fellow, she has received grants from the Jerome Foundation and the Watson Foundation. She is this year's recipient of the Isabella Gardner Poetry Award and was recently awarded a literature fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Girmay is an Acentos Foundation board member and a contributing editor for *The Massachusetts Review*. She also writes, occasionally, for *ELEM* magazine, a lifestyle and arts magazine dedicated to the concerns and interests of the Eritrean community (in Eritrea and the diaspora).

For the past nine years, Girmay has taught community writing workshops in her native California and in New York. She received her MFA from NYU in 2003 and is now on the faculty of both Drew University's low-residency Poetry MFA program and Hampshire College's School of Interdisciplinary Arts.

Girmay grew up in Santa Ana, California and currently lives in New York.

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