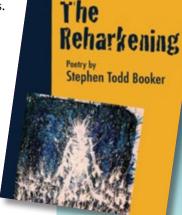


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The Black Mountain Press is pleased to announce that *The Reharkening*, by Stephen Todd Booker, is now available. Thank you for considering it for review and/or readings. Enjoy!

# The Reharkening by Stephen Todd Booker



### **PRAISE:**

"The many fans of Booker's previous books, especially TUG, a masterpiece by all counts and accounts, will be even more astonished at his signature acts of defiance here, without which we'd have less hope of breaking the bars of our cage others merely rattle. An added, special gift, one that plants hopes for a better future, is how the poems help us realize "that one day/we'll wake up knowing things." Like the spider on his wall, Booker is "a desperate piece of work/Gone kaput but as precious as the rain." Finally,the answer to "How finished is a thing looking this undone" is PLENTY."

- Stuart Friebert, Award Winning Poet and Author

"Stephen Todd Booker has such a unique poetic voice that it should be heard across the land."

- Lawrence Ferlinghetti, City Lights

"There is only so much the English language can do. Stephen Booker tries to make it do more. The very effort results in marvelous ubiquities, extending and dogged. Familiar personality is here, and he has an inclusive interest in looking directly into the eyes of life and conceding that in them are to be found not only what is in a number of ways magic, but also– distinctly—what is terrifyingly malevolent. The reader soon decides that neither magic nor malevolence shall overwhelm this author. Technical fireworks. Independent energy."

- Gwendolyn Brooks, Pulitzer Prize winning Poet

## **ARTIST BIO:**

Stephen Todd Booker, an inmate on Florida's death row, writes piercingly of incarceration. But he also sings, in a voice at once jagged and polished, of racism in Brooklyn and the South and of growing up black in 20th-century America, as he examines his life experience with metaphors that test the limits of language. TITLE The Reharkening

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