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Theater of Memory Honors the Life and Work of Celebrated Poet Mark Perlberg

LSU Press to Release Perlberg's New and Selected Poems in October

Baton Rouge, LA—Moving and unpretentious, *Theater of Memory: New and Selected Poems* features work from Mark Perlberg's four previous books—*The Burning Field*, *The Feel of the Sun*, *The Impossible Toystore*, and *Waiting for the Alchemist*—along with a sampling of previously unpublished pieces. Perlberg began work on the collection during the last year of his life, and his wife, Anna Nussy Perlberg, finished the compilation after his death. The book includes an afterword by Anna, who shares the story behind this retrospective collection.

Poems range from verses about the poet's childhood, including the early death of his father, to pieces in conversation with Chinese poet T'ao Ch'ien, to poignant poems about his grandson. A slowly deflating helium balloon becomes a meditation on aging and the urgency to teach his grandson "to remember in perilous / times to keep something of himself for himself."

Mark Perlberg (1929–2008) cofounded the Poetry Center of Chicago and served as its president for many years.

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