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David Huddle Finds Joy and Poignancy in Eighth Poetry Collection

LSU Press to Publish Dream Sender in September 2015

Baton Rouge—An account of spiritual survival through the practice of literary art, the poems in David Huddle's eighth collection, *Dream Sender*, to be published by LSU Press in September 2015, move among a variety of poetic forms and voices. Here, a bear wonders why he could not have been a raccoon, a bird, or a meadow; and a five-year-old thrills to the forbidden taste of whiskey as he eavesdrops on his parents' after-dinner conversation. By turns outrageous and pragmatic, Huddle's poems acknowledge the powerful and disturbing currents of the contemporary world as they also explore the comfort and familiarity we find there.

Huddle's poems illuminate the nature of relationships between family, friends, and even animals, celebrating their shortcomings, embarrassments, and eccentricities. At once frank and compassionate, *Dream Sender* finds both humor and poignancy in human imperfections.

A native of Ivanhoe, Virginia, **David Huddle** has lived in Vermont for over four decades. He is the author of nineteen novels, short story collections, essays, and volumes of poetry, including *Glory River* and *Blacksnake at the Family Reunion*. He teaches at the Bread Loaf School of English and the Rainier Writing Workshop.

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