

This poet is *present* --- “my simmering heart always within earshot.” This poet is *knowing* and generous with her knowledge --- “by the time the ocean reaches the shore/she is on her knees.” This poet is *honest* about what it means to honor the truth of experience --- “the hook of body into body/as it becomes lure, loop, love.” Celia White is *our* poet, a Buffalo poet within this intimate landscape, her language – synapse firing spectacular imagery, mouth sucking words --- each poem, “a body full of blood.”

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In the poems gathered in *Letter* Celia White continues to amaze and delight for the clarity and precision of her language and her vivid expression of genuine emotions.

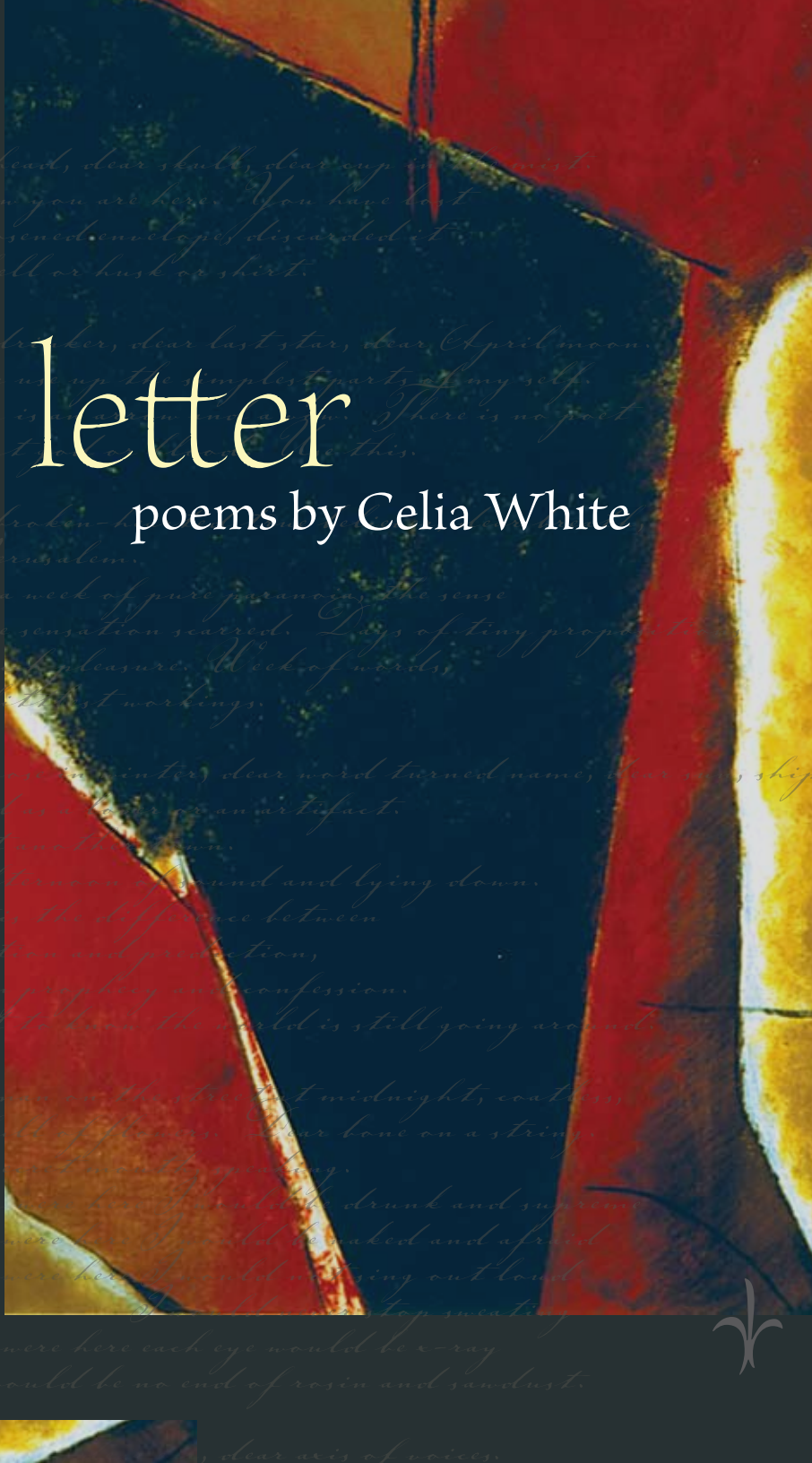
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