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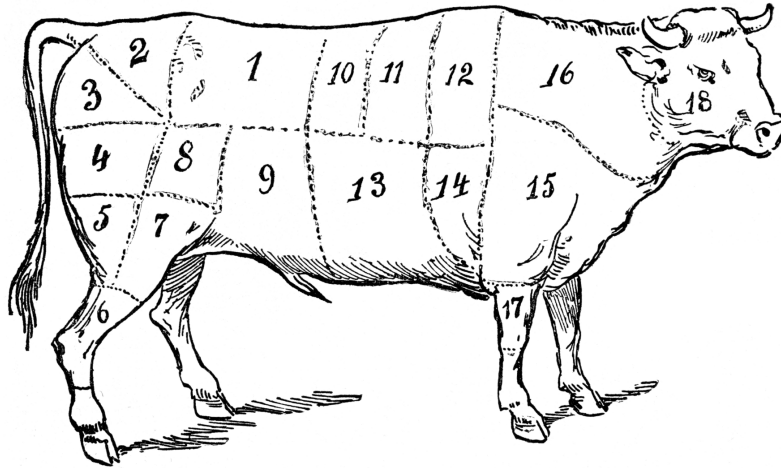
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Cover Art and Award Winner - Profanely Butchered by Stephanie Whitlow

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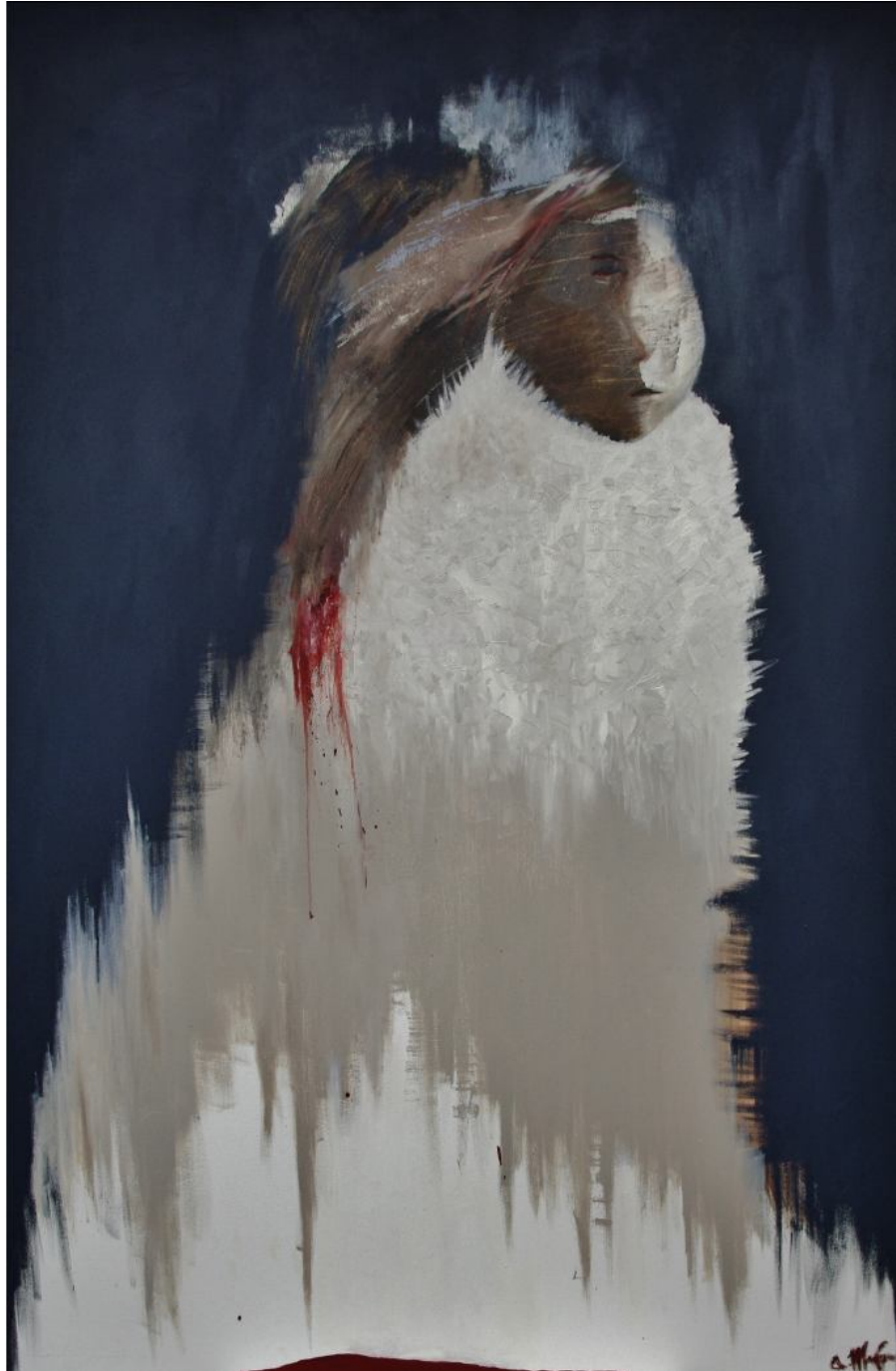


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POETRY

An Ocean's Color

Christian Grover

I have found a magnificent sea monster in the Ocean of my mind
He is tall, red, blue and gold, beautiful to free searching eyes
With scales that flash from pattern to random distortion
His once tall sharp teeth have been dulled and broken
From gnawing on my heart

Below the surface he is dark and murky
With indefinite size and no describable shape
I give him a name, that is always different, but to everyone the same

He has swallowed up the rotting, black bannered ships
Bitter things that foul in his gut
Things that cause him fester from the inside
And dilate to mountainous proportions
It is this terrible Poseidon that I fear
He calls out- "Oh, my swollen, aching belly. What are these now but tears?"
Who knew that such a beast could cry
Even more so, cry in such cognate rhythm with me

And so I begin my chase, I figure something so majestic
can be both at once liberated and on display
I follow him close behind through gale tempest waves
Oh how we both loath the days that I lose the wind
He, too, loves to play this game

Ho! He has led me to the edge of the infinite blue
The border of my mind
He leaps over, issuing a jubilant wail
That resonates within the falling water
He crashes hard on paper
Dying and bleeding he twists and writhes in panic
He tears through the pages
Ripping holes, he leaves behind a carnage of red confetti
At the bottom of the page, his eyes close as he lies in final signature

Upon a rock on the edge, enthralled, I watch the monster's theater
Water gushing past me, waves spraying me with rapture
Then I cry out, "My friend, why did I drive you this far?
You were one of the great beauties of my Ocean.
It has lost its vibrancy, its life
For you were in and of each other, composed as one"

As I breathe and find satisfaction, I steer my ship to where I began
Gazing over the liquid crystal dunes
Hoping for an equal fluorescent color to match
So I notice an egg of familiar color, ready to breach
Floating along the waves of my Ocean



Falling in Love by the Milligram

Jacob Sisouk

The truth is repetitive,
Said the vein,
To the sedative.
As your veins turn to highways,
By way of your vices.
So you turn to your spices,
And make your life more,
Than just one more night,
With your head on the floor.




A Parody To Save Us

Diane K. Weber



Save us from poets,
those egotistical writers
all around us, intent on forcing
their life interpretations,
from the flowery verbose
odes of English bards,
spewing immortal verse,
from new-age thinkers,
their blank verse non-metrical,
and irksome like rash on the
skin of analysis,
from singer-song writers,
from poetry slammers and
all self-published poets,
banish them all to private journaling.
save us from them,
from those lessons in text books
meant for intellectual dissection,
from critics, digressing from the truth,
when does it really matter what they say,
and volumes of musty books,
that juxtapose in solitude,
in musty reflection
with no readers.
Save us from creative work,
its mind freeze,
its second guessing prattle,
from fatigue from staying up late,
trying to capture
thoughts that quickly fade,
from nuances and inquiry,
from snippets of thought that diverge,
from deciphering
meaning in words,
from scattered notes in scribbled hand,
from a fragmented mind trying to hurry,
Save us from making sense of verse,
save us from verse,
from making sense of anything,
from the aural, allusive written
wonder of words,
from another descriptive day, save us.





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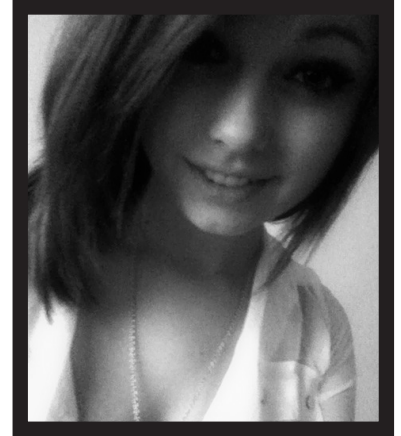
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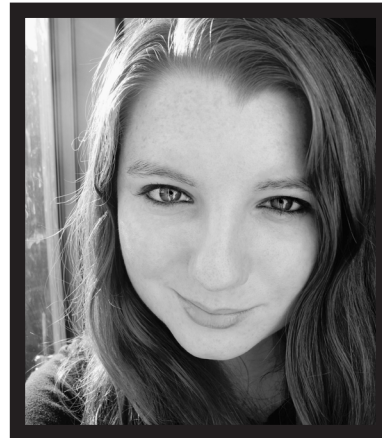
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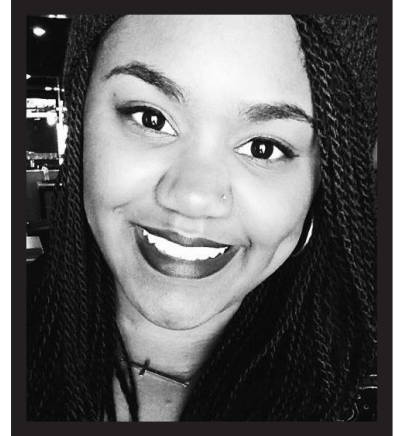




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