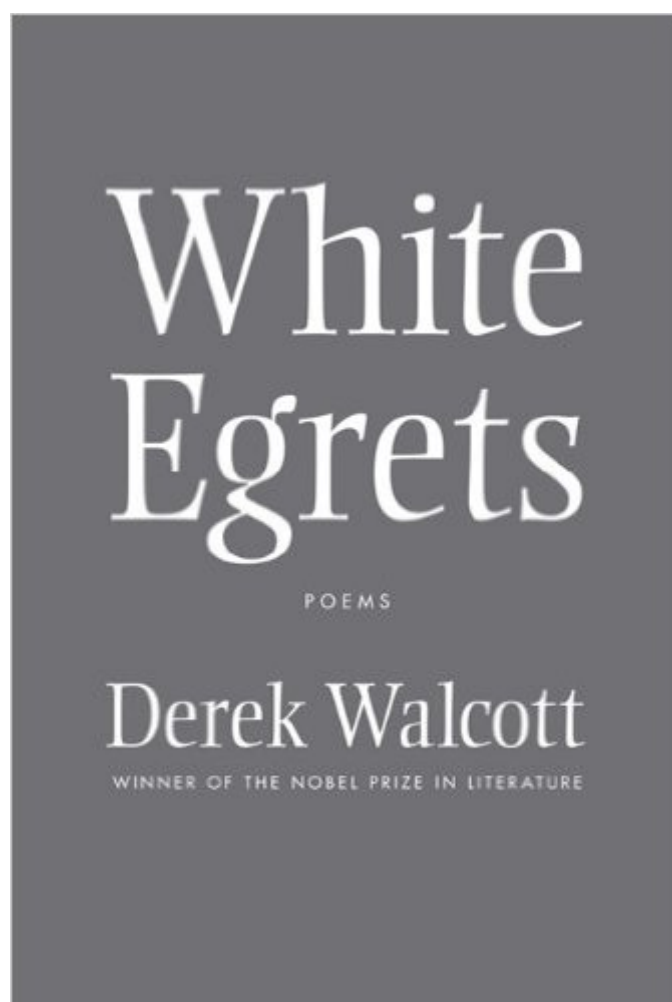


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if you ask me to name my favorite poet, without hesitation i would answer derek walcott. any collection of poems by walcott is reason for a personal celebration, *White Egrets* no less, and in my enthusiasm i would hope that you find in the poems in this book by mr walcott at least some of the pleasure that i do. when speaking of poetry, there's always talk of the line. one from *White Egrets* chosen at random: 'hide her face in mist and the barred sun shrivel' i remove my finger from the page and look up and see the line is from the poem, *Epithalamium: The Rainy Season*. an epithalamium is a wedding song, and the poem was written 'For Stephanos and Heather', a couple who means nothing to me, but who must be very special to mr walcott for him to dedicate a poem to them. their

wedding in a rainy season is captured in the one line i selected at random; the mist become veil and the sun shrivel the appearance as the folds created by the drape of the veil, as well as being an allusion to a shakespearean sonnet. any line by walcott would reveal as many gifts. as a reader i am honored to be recipient of his poems, several of them, like White Egrets, for and in memory of his friends, like the joseph of white egrets, his good friend and fellow nobel laureate holder, joseph brodsky.

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