

ABOUT

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Tom Sleigh is the author of eleven books of poetry, including his most recent book, *The King's Touch*, winner of the Paterson Poetry Prize and published by Graywolf Press in February 2022. His collection, *Army Cats*, was the winner of the John Updike Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and *Space Walk* won the \$100,000 Kingsley Tufts Award. In addition, *Far Side of the Earth* won an Academy Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, *The Dreamhouse* was a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Award, and *The Chain* was a finalist for the Lenore Marshall Prize. *Station Zed* was published in 2015 and includes Sleigh's long poem about Iraq, "Homage to Bashō," a version of which received *Poetry Magazine's* Editors Prize. In 2018 a book of prose collecting his essays on refugees in the Middle East and Africa, *The Land Between Two Rivers: Writing In An Age Of Refugees*, was published simultaneously by Graywolf Press as a companion piece to *House of Fact, House of Ruin*. Sleigh has also published a previous book of essays, *Interview With a Ghost*, and a translation of Euripides' *Herakles*. Widely anthologized, his poems and prose appear in *The New Yorker*, *Virginia Quarterly Review*, *Poetry*, *American Poetry Review*, *The Village Voice*, *Yale Review*, *The Threepenny Review*, and other literary magazines, as well as *The Best of the Best American Poetry*, *The Best American Poetry*, *Best American Travel Writing*, and *The Pushcart Anthology*. He has received the Shelley Prize from the Poetry Society of America, a Fellowship from the American Academy in Berlin, a Fellowship at the Civitella Ranieri Foundation, an Individual Writer's Award from the Lila Wallace/Reader's Digest Fund, a Guggenheim grant, and two National Endowment for the Arts grants, among many others.

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