

2016 New Measure Poetry Prize Winner

Josh Booton, *The Miraculous Courageous*
Selected by Jon Thompson

The Miraculous Courageous is a fractured epic, a sequence which seeks not to explain but to evoke the mind of one boy and his experience with autism. In the tradition Carson's *Autobiography of Red*, Booton constructs a landscape both familiar and uncanny, a territory where our inner workings burn with the luminosity of jelly fish and "darkness turns the lighthouse on." These poems are agile, slippery, glancing at the camera then quickly away, skewing the boundaries between lyric and monologue, vignette and scene. These poems are a bridge. And through their deft conflation of inner and outer worlds, the self and the other, *The Miraculous Courageous* marks a rich and startling immersion in the mind of autism.

2017 Free Verse Editions

Congratulations to these authors, whose poetry will be published in 2017. Read more about these titles online: <http://www.parlorpress.com/freeverse2017>

Bruce Bond, *Dear Reader*

Josh Booton, *The Miraculous Courageous*

Elizabeth Robinson, *Rumor*

Simon Smith, *Day In, Day Out*

Felicia Zamora, *& in Open, Marvel*

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2017 New Measure Poetry Prize Announcement

Parlor Press's poetry series, Free Verse Editions, is pleased to announce the ninth annual New Measure Poetry Prize, which carries a cash award of \$1,000 and publication of an original, unpublished manuscript of poems. Up to four other manuscripts may be accepted for publication by Free Verse Editions editors. Submit a manuscript of at least 54 pages with a \$28 entry fee between **March 1 and June 30, 2017**. The window for the 2017 competition opens on 1 March 2017. Marianne Boruch will judge this year's competition. For more information, see <http://www.parlorpress.com/newmeasureprize>. Visit the Submittable form here: <https://parlorpress.submittable.com/submit/18947>

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