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## NYQ Books™ announces the publication of *Singing Back the Darkenss* by KP Liles



July 15, 2012 - New York, NY - NYQ Books™ is proud to announce the release of *Singing Back the Darkenss* by KP Liles. The poems in *Singing Back the Darkenss* dare to feel. In his second full-length collection, Liles guides us into fraught spaces—from bar room to battlefield, schoolyard to interior recesses—to confront grief with what he's proving to be characteristic insight, humor, outrage, and wonder. Always sincere, each poem offers the possibility of emerging from ruin both personal and collective with dignity if not hope intact. Truth wounds, then heals in these pages. Here is a poetry that sings reminder: Language remains our great means of redress in a heartbreaking world.

...because the night, gracious coat-check,  
 asked for our clothes, color, our eyes,  
 histories, and gave us a ticket  
 we could exchange to reclaim them  
 ...because Malbec-stained teeth...because  
 candles, blood throbbing...because  
 your hand running through my hair  
 ...because we hated the loneliness  
 and feral anger we shouldered  
 ...because the moon ached to slip  
 its lacy black dress

from "...because," p. 103

KP Liles currently lives in Manhattan. When he needs to escape the city, he vanishes into the poems of Martín Espada and Pablo Neruda. Plain View Press published his debut collection *Spring Hunger* in November, 2008.

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