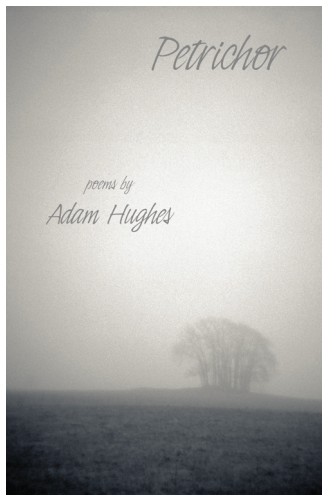


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## NYQ Books™ announces the publication of *Petrichor* by Adam Hughes



December 1, 2010 - New York, NY - In *Petrichor*, his debut collection, Adam Hughes announces himself as a bold new voice in contemporary poetry. Whether discussing family, God, or simply the search for something just over the horizon, the poems in this collection are sure to stir the mind as well as the heart. From the scent of departed rain to the first moments of fatherhood, Hughes gives new words to the mundane and miraculous.

Scott Minar, author of *The Palace of Reasons*, says "Adam Hughes' poetry is ambitious, intricate, and highly skilled. Yet it is also available, mystical, and passionate-writing for both the mind and the heart. A rare talent." And Carol Lynn Grellas, author of *The Epistemology of an Odd Girl*, says "In *Petrichor*, Adam takes us on a shimmering voyage amid what we know and all that we don't, somewhere beyond yet, seemingly familiar...A remarkable book that investigates the mysteries of creation from the fantastical to the everyday."

"Adam believes in every silly thing he says, and he lets you believe in it, too, and it's a beautiful world you make together," says Don Zirilli, editor of *Now Culture*. While Jennifer Bosveld Publisher/Editor of Pudding House Publications observes, "Adam Hughes, a poet in every sense of the word, gives us language we've not read before. Fresh experience, words dancing together that have not danced together before." And Greg Gummer, author of *Long After the Fall of Communism*, says "Adam combines a rare mix of lyric sensibility with cultural invention which results in the creation of a world that, though familiar, is pleasantly unrecognizable, a pairing that deserves to be experienced by any thoughtful reader of poetry."

Adam Hughes was born in 1982 in Lancaster, Ohio. He is a pastor and poet and has worked as a program director for individuals with cognitive and physical disabilities since 2007. His first chapbook, *Pilgrim Poems* was released in 2010 by Pudding House Press and his poems have appeared widely in print and online in journals such as the *New York Quarterly*, *Tipton Poetry Journal*, *The Foliate Oak*, and *West Ward Quarterly*. He resides in Lancaster with his wife and two-year-old daughter.

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