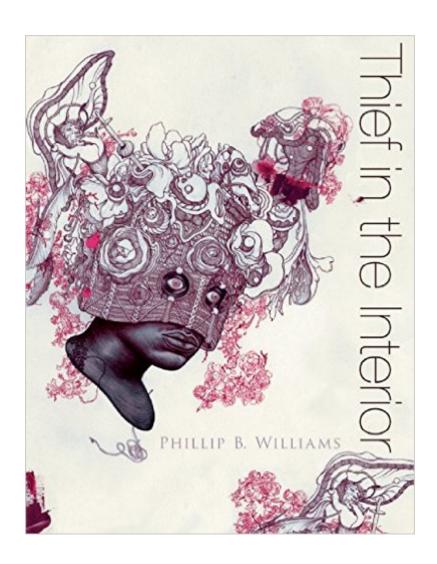
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Thief In The Interior





Synopsis

"This gorgeous debut is a 'debut' in chronology only. . . . Need is everywhere \$\#151; in the unforgiving images, in lines so delicate they seem to break apart in the hands, and in the reader who will enter these poems and never want to leave."—Adrian MatejkaPhillip B. Williams investigates the dangers of desire, balancing narratives of addiction, murders, and hate crimes with passionate, uncompromising depth. Formal poems entrenched in urban landscapes crack open dialogues of racism and homophobia rampant in our culture. Multitudinous voices explore one's ability to harm and be harmed, which uniquely juxtaposes the capacity to revel in both experiences."Epithalamium": A kiss. Train ride home from a late dinner, City Hall and document signing. Wasn't coldbut we cuddled in an empty car, legal. Last month a couple of guys left a gay barand were beaten with poles on the wayto their car. No one called them faggotso no hate crime's documented. A beat downis what some pray for, a pulse left to count. We knew we weren't protected. We knewour rings were party favors, gold to stealthe shine from. We couldn't protect us,knew the law wouldn't know how. Still, hisbeard across my brow, the burn of his cologne. When the train stopped, the people came on. Phillip B. Williams has authored two chapbooks: Bruised Gospels (Arts in Bloom Inc.) and Burn (YesYes Books). A Cave Canem graduate, he received scholarships from Bread Loaf Writers Conference and a Ruth Lilly Fellowship. His work appeared or is forthcoming in Callaloo, Poetry, the Southern Review, West Branch, and others. Phillip received his MFA in Writing as a Chancellor's Graduate Fellow at the Washington University in St. Louis. He is the poetry editor of Vinyl Poetry.

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Williams takes on issues of race and violence with a lyric grace and innovative styling. The poems are unafraid and do not turn away from even the most difficult subjects. The fierceness comes close as a whisper and urges one to come in out of whatever other reality one might have been dawdling in. Williams sings a truth and though the song hurts, it is essential.

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