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Now Available *To See the Earth*

poems by Philip Metres
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To See the Earth navigates the increasingly turbulent waters of a globalized world—from Moscow to Chicago, from Philadelphia to Ramallah. Metres renders in vivid language what Fredric Jameson called “cognitive mapping” —a kind of “situational representation on the part of the individual subject to the vaster and properly unrepresentable totality.” *To See the Earth* travels to Russia, memorializes immigrant Arab American family life in a Brooklyn brownstone, witnesses to the violence visited upon people both at home and abroad, and carves out of such losses images of hope—the birthing not of a terrible beauty, but of the “dreaming disarmed body.”

“At its core, *To See the Earth* is an emotionally and intellectually charged poetry of various and intricately formed voices speaking of and against the unprecedented, destructive horrors taking place throughout our world, while simultaneously speaking for the radical truths of the essential love that infuses the best American poetry in our time. Philip Metres’s poetry speaks to us all, in ways critical, vital, profound, and brilliant.”

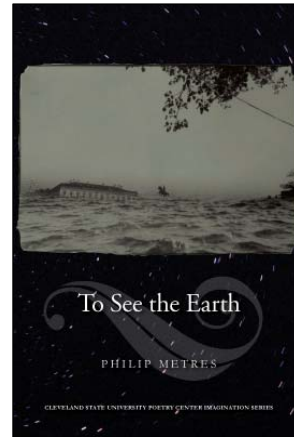
—*Lawrence Joseph*

“Do our voyages, Auden once asked, ‘still promise the Juster Life?’ Too many of us would answer this question in the negative—not so Philip Metres. His poems seek above all to traverse borders, not merely those between nations and cultures but also—and most importantly—between the personal and the political. With a sure command of craft, which he displays in abundance, Metres plays for high stakes. *To See the Earth* is a debut of unusual distinction.”

—*David Wojahn*

PHILIP METRES is the author of *Behind the Lines: War Resistance Poetry on the American Homefront since 1941*, as well as the translator, from the Russian, of *Catalogue of Comedic Novelties: Selected Poems of Lev Rubinstein*, and *A Kindred Orphanhood: Selected Poems of Sergey Gandlevsky*. Metres, who received his M.F.A from Indiana University, now teaches literature and creative writing at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio.

ORDERING INFORMATION: *To See the Earth* is available through many corporate and independent bookstores, as well as Amazon.com. Media review copies and requests for printed catalogs should be directed to Poetry Center Manager, Rita Grabowski at 216-687-3986, toll-free 888-278-6473.



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