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Forthcoming Fall 2009

Brazil

a novella by **Jesse Lee Kercheval**

Winner of the 2008 Ruthanne Wiley Memorial

Novella Contest, selected by final judge

Josip Novakovich

Jesse Lee Kercheval was born in France and raised in Florida. Her most recent book is *Cinema Muto*, a collection of poems about silent film (Southern Illinois University Press, 2009) which was selected for the Crab Orchard Poetry Series by David Wojahn. She is the author of 9 other books of fiction, poetry and nonfiction including *The Alice Stories* (University of Nebraska Press, 2007) which won the Prairie Schooner Fiction Book Prize and *Dog Angel* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2004). She was the founding director of the University of Wisconsin MFA Program in Creative Writing. Currently, she is the Sally Mead Hands Bascom Professor of English and the Director of the Wisconsin Institute for Creative Writing.

from Brazil:

It was my birthday, my nineteenth birthday, and I was in the bar of one of the Art Deco hotels on the beach when I met her. They were always using this hotel on Miami Vice, although they were careful to take tight shots of the pink front and not show the bums and junkies down the street, not until later in the episode, so it seemed like they were miles away, in another Miami.

The bar was beautiful—exquisite, that's the word that came to me—black and white and chrome. It was an upscale, laundered money kind of place, and I felt odd there, like I was in a movie, although I didn't know which one.

ORDERING INFORMATION: *Brazil* will be available fall 2009 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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