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# Trouble The Water (A Poulin, Jr. New Poets Of America)



## Synopsis

"'Expect poison of the standing water,' Blake warned, highlighting the dangers of imaginative stagnation. I'm now tempted to believe that Blake himself has sent us Derrick Austin and his remarkable collection, *Trouble the Water*. At once gospel and troubadour song, these deeply spiritual and expansively erotic poems are lucid, unflinching, urgent. This is an extraordinary debut."

—Mary Szybist, winner of the National Book Award

Rich in religious and artistic imagery, *Trouble the Water* is an intriguing exploration of race, sexuality, and identity, particularly where self-hood is in constant flux. These intimate, sensual poems interweave pop culture and history—moving from the Bible through several artistic eras—to interrogate what it means to be, as Austin says, fully human as a queer, black body in 21st century America.

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