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Family Poems

Larry Beresford

Larry Beresford, whose previous book of poems was *Under a Gibbous Moon: The Adventures of Mister Funky*, hones in on the subject of family from multiple perspectives in the eleven poems in this new book.

They explore family of origin, family of choice, family married into, mixed and blended families, multi-cultural families, family across generations, even cross-species encounters with gray whale families in Baja California. A particular inspiration comes from the wonders and terrors of becoming a grandfather – a heart-stopping revelation for the poet, who didn't have children of his own.

"I just want you to know how very much I enjoyed your *Family Poems*. I think 'She's so Great to Come Home to' is one of the loveliest love poems I have ever read."

–Isadora Alman, author of *Bluebirds of Impossible: Paradises: A Sexual Odyssey of the Seventies*

"*Family Poems* are just that and brilliant and funny. Unafraid to be sentimental and yet a realist, Beresford crafts personal meditations on love, mortality, the future. This work brims over with a zest and gratitude for life."

– Kit Kennedy, co-author with Susan Gangel of *Inconvenience* (Littoral Press) and host of the Gallery Café Reading Series in San Francisco

"*Family Poems* are what we might hear from our wisest souls if we allowed silence in which to listen. With deep mystery in front of us, and a lost past behind, all we have is this moment, savored in the presence of a life companion, a tot to mentor, a mother-in-law at market."

– Joe Quirk, author of *It's Not You, It's Biology: The Science of Love, Sex, and Relationships*

"*Family Poems* opens a startling new realm: good-hearted sarcasm leavened with self-mockery and a full-blown sense of mortality. Beresford's razor wit does cut to the bone swiftly and accurately but, somehow, at the same time, produces an overflow of warmth. Unlikely, you say? Read these poems aloud, relishing the humor, and don't be surprised when the poet's savvy and his rich, inclusive voice pull you into family, love, and community, where we belong."

– Clive Matson, author of *Chalcedony's Songs* and *Let the Crazy Child Write!*