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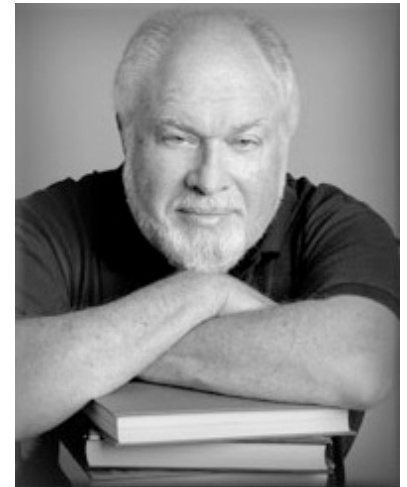
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August Kleinzahler and Morton Marcus



August Kleinzahler's tenth collection of poems, *Sleeping It Off in Rapid City* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008) has just been awarded the 2008 National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry. He credits primarily two poets for their influence on him: the British modernist poet Basil Bunting (1900-1985) and the Anglo-American poet Thom Gunn (1929-2004). In an interview in *The Paris Review* in the fall of 2007, Kleinzahler notes that Gunn's influence had to do with "the honest treatment of the poetic material at hand, not slipping into rhetorical or poetic postures, inflating subject matter or dodging difficulty." Kleinzahler lives in the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood in San Francisco and was named in 2005 as the first poet laureate of Fort Lee, New Jersey where he grew up.

Morton Marcus, poet and film critic, is the author of ten books of poems and one novel. His most recent books are *Striking Through The Masks: A Literary Memoir* (Capitola Book Company, 2008); a collection of prose poems, *Pursuing The Dream Bone* (Quale Press, 2007); *Shouting Down The Silence: Verse Poems 1988-2001* (Creative Arts Books, 2002) and *Moments Without Names: New & Selected Prose Poems* (White Pine Press, 2002). He taught English and film at Cabrillo College for thirty years, is a longtime host of *The Poetry Show* on KUSP, and reviews movies on the Bay Area TV show Cinema Scene. In 1999 he was the Santa Cruz County Artist of the Year and in 2007 he received the Gail Rich Award for his cultural contributions to the community. You can learn more and see recent poems at www.mortonmarcus.com.



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