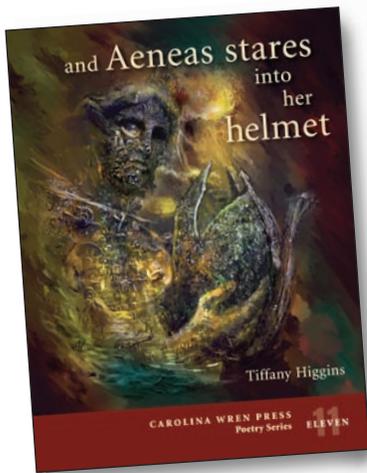


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and Aeneas stares into her helmet

by Tiffany Higgins



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"Aeneas won me over with its intelligence, wit, and unpredictability. I loved the depth and breadth of the poet's allusions: wars throughout history—from the Trojan War to the 'War on Terror' and the Iraq War—are invoked through literary allusions to Virgil, Whitman, and the Bible, as well as pop culture references to phenomena like the Beatles and reality TV. Despite its deadly subject matter (pun intended!), the manuscript is engaging because of its variety in tone, diction, and form: for example, the free verse lyrics take shape predominately as irregular couplets, but erupt without warning into such structures as half-playful tercets, a list poem, a dramatic monologue-as-closet drama, and, perhaps my favorite, an epistolary poem (a bizarre, yet highly-astute recruitment letter) sent to the poet by 'the war' itself."

—EVIE SHOCKLEY, CONTEST JUDGE

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