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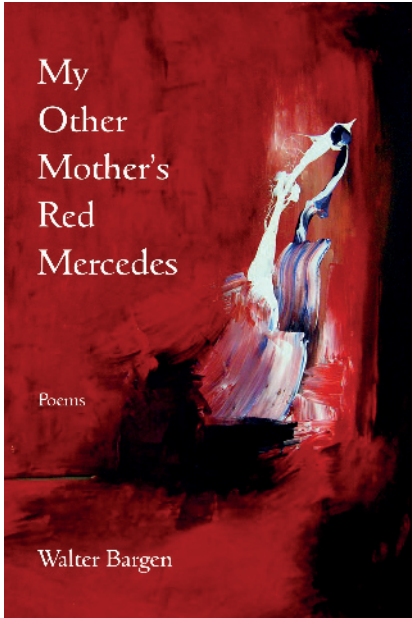
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## Poetry by Walter Barga

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— Christopher Buckley



The day cloudy.  
Shoes insist we keep walking.  
Each step unfathomable.

—From “Autumn Forests of Yushan”

Walter Barga has published 21 books of poetry. Recent books include: *Days Like This Are Necessary: New & Selected Poems* (BkMk Press, 2009), *Trouble Behind Glass Doors* (BkMk Press, 2013), *Perishable Kingdoms* (Grito del Lobo Press, 2017), and *Too Quick for the Living* (Moon City Press, 2017). His awards include: a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and the William Rockhill Nelson Award. He was appointed the first poet laureate of Missouri (2008-2009).

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