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world to him at
one time or an-
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“If I could only stay asleep” is just how Patsy Cline sings it and this visual memoir of drawings of a poetry life follows suit with *Poets Who Sleep*. How I came upon that title many years ago, I can’t recall. It became one of my small press monikers as an editor along with *Our Poets Workshop*, *Workshop*, *Scout*, *Just So Happens* and finally all under the umbrella of Longhouse to this day. These poets sleep with me, may sleep with you, sleep with all of us, if we so allow. Many were/are friends, many I published, certainly all I read and advocate, and over the spring, summer, fall and winter of 2017-2018 I drew these portraits, often late into the night reading and listening to the granfalloon by the mutts in the executive branch of the U.S. government. I must have thought the world needed more poets and singers, as I did in my earlier book *Lunatic Drawings* where some of my earliest poet portraits were drawn to sweeten the political mug shots of that book. Don’t be surprised who wasn’t drawn in this book, because I already am. The portraits came to me as my memory worked over 50 years of recollection — also outdoors where Susan and I would travel the back hills to land by some water freshet to read and draw. Simple days. I wanted to catch the spirits as they flew by. I had a net. Nabokov once ate two butterflies while catching his beloved species during a visit to Vermont with his famous butterfly net. I caught my butterfly poets where I have forever worked and loved. You see, poets will always be with us.

~ BA

ONCE UPON A
TIME IN
BEAT

S.F.

JANINE
POMIY
VEGA



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PABLO NERUDA

RICARDO ELIEZER NETTAL
REYES BASALTO



MUST BE READ

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER FOR LITERATURE
1971. BORN IN PARANÁ, CHILE JULY 12, 1904
DIED IN SANTIAGO SEPTEMBER 23, 1973

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DON'T FORGET



NORTH DAKOTA
POET
THOMAS
McGRATH



ON JULY 28, **JOHN**
ASHBERY 2017 -
will be 90 years old. MASTER.

SAMUEL



BECKE II
THE
PINNACLE



EMILY
DICKINSON
HAS ALWAYS
BEEN WATCHING

1935-
2011

PETER BLUE CLOUD

"BACK THEN TOMORROW" (1981)

PETER
WAS
BORN JUNE 10, 1935 OF THE MUDJE
CLAN OF THE KOTLIK NATION. A
POET, STORYTELLER + FOLKLODIST, HE
MADE HIS LIVING AS AN IRONWORKER,
LOGGER, CARPENTER + WOODCARVER.
AN ACTIVIST IN NATIVE AMERICANIZING
SEE HIS BOOK OF POEMS BACK THEN TOMORROW

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GARY SNYDER

HIS POETRY + LIFESTYLE GRABBED ME BY THE COLLAR AT A VERY EARLY AGE - UP IN A SCHOOL LIBRARY READING HIS POEMS AND ASKING NO ONE BUT MYSELF "YOU CAN DO THAT?!" WHAT FURBORN + DAIRY + FLOW. WE'VE MET A FEW TIMES + ALWAYS A DIRECT GENTLEMAN. HIGH MINDED

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RITA DEGLI ESPOSTI ★

A NATIVE OF BOLOGNA ITALY
RITA HAS BEEN FOREVER INVOLVED IN
THEATER + POETRY, AUGMENTED W/ USA POETS
LIKE JAMES KONER, LOUIE LAMDES LEVI AND
BEAT POETS. HER POEMS HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED

BY TEM BAWORTH

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NEAL



CASSADY
OWNING IT

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THOMAS



MERTON

TRAPPIST MONK, POET + MYSTIC
WHO RESIDED FOR MOST OF HIS ADULT
LIFE AT THE ABBEY OF GETHSEMANI,
IN KENTUCKY. BORN IN PRADÈS, FRANCE
IN 1915, HE DIED IN BANGKOK IN 1968
DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE VIETNAM WAR
WHEN HE WAS ACCIDENTALLY ELECTROCUTED
BY AN ELECTRIC FAN WHEN HE STEPPED OUT OF HIS BATH.

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RUTH STONE

LONG TIME POET OF VERMONT SAYS
HER POEMS ARE "LOVE POEMS, ALL
WRITTEN TO A DEAD MAN." RUTH'S
HUSBAND TOOK HIS FEW YEARS
IN HIS 40s. INDEED WHEN WE MET
FOR THE FIRST TIME, RUTH SAID THE
BOOK "LOVE". BO RENO.

THE LONNONS



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MONK

LIKE HIS JAZZ BROTHER, MONK WAS BORN
IN NORTH CAROLINA AND HAS BEEN SEVERAL
A FEATURE OF POETS. THIS POET OF THE KEYS.



FIND OWN I READ DIRECTED BY DESIRE
THE COMPLETE POEMS OF THE LUTHERAN ACTIVIST
BOEN THE ONLY CHILD OF JAMAICAN IMMIGRANT
PARENTS IN 1936. JORDAN DIED OF BREAST CANCER
IN 2002.

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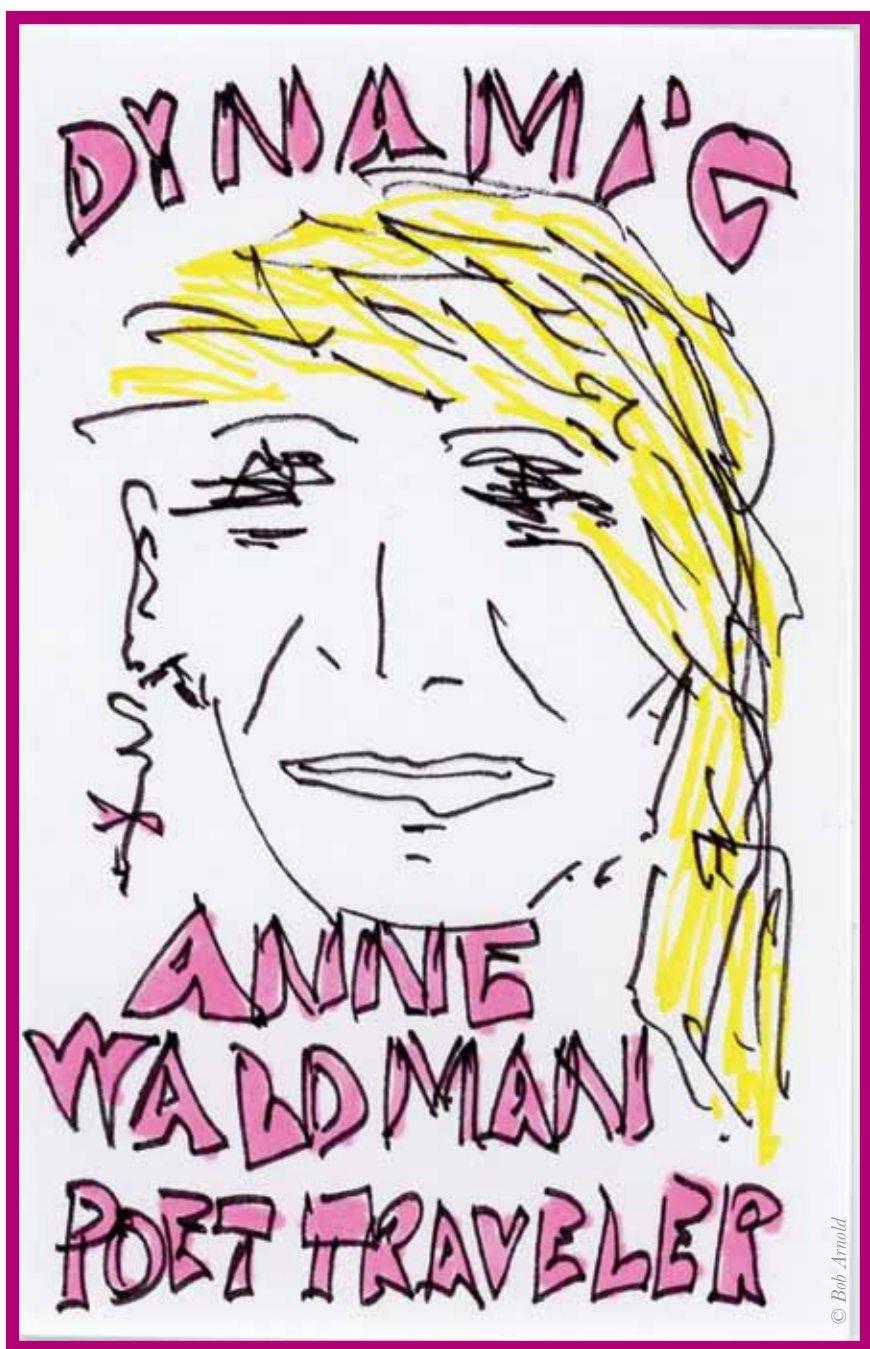
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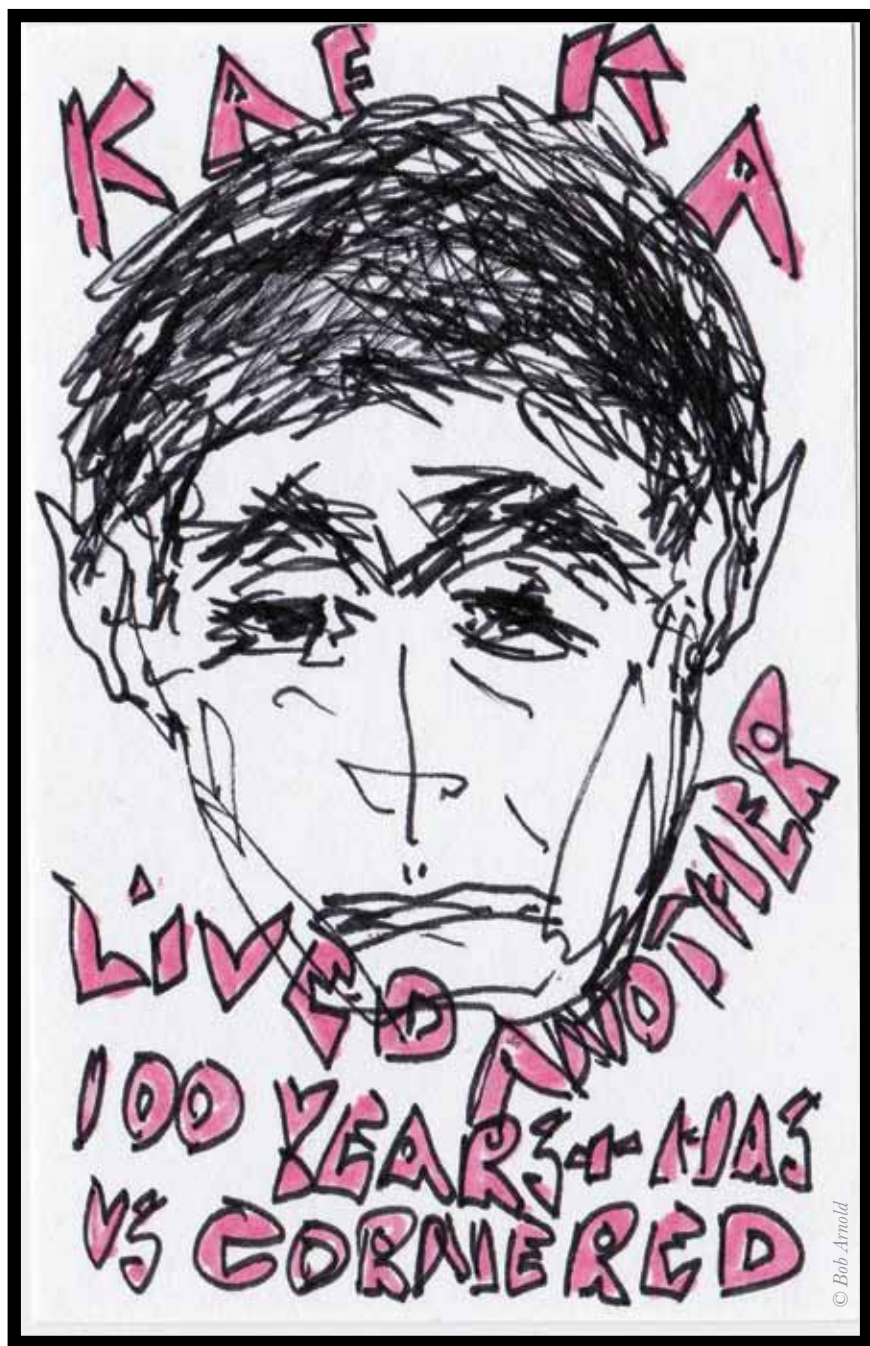


ADRIENNE ★ RICH ★

LIKE LEEUWEN, ZUCKER, ADRIENNE RICH'S LITERARY OUTPUT AND ACTIVISM WAS ASTONISHING. FEMINISM IS ONE OF HER PROMINENT THEMES, PERSONAL + BRAG. VERY YOUNG HER 1ST BOOK OF POEMS (1956) WAS A YALE YOUNG POETS AWARD.



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b. 1888 -
1935
LISBON.



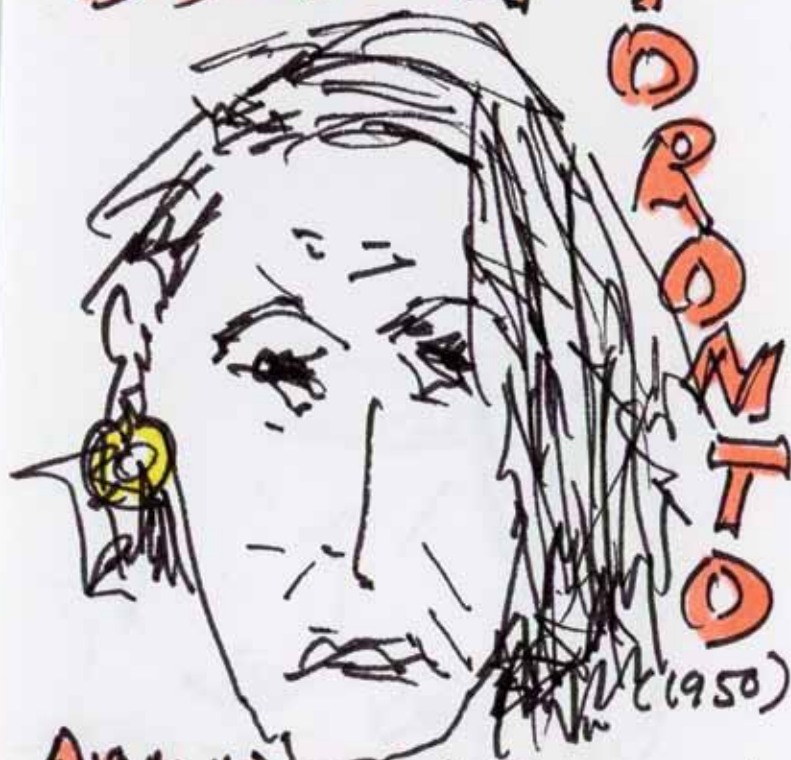
For the poet "the highest
stage of dreaming" Pessoa
believed "we are all those souls
jointly + interactively."

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FERNANDO PESSOA

"PESSOA" IS THE PORTUGUESE FOR
"PERSON" AND THIS POET WROTE IN THE
NAMES OF MANY PERSONS. MEET —
ACTUAL EGOS WHICH THE POET CALLED
"HETERONYMS": CHEVALIER DE PAS,
ALEXANDER S BATZCH, CHARLES ROBERT ANON,
ALBERTO CAEIRO, RICARDO REIS, ALVARO
DE CAMPOS, ETC. MORE TH'S FORMING

BORN IN TORONTO



ANNE CARSON!

IS A POET, TRANSLATOR, ESSAYIST +
PROFESSOR OF CLASSICS — AND
THE CLASSICS (GREEK) WITH MANY OTHER
FIELDS OF IDEAS (ANTHROPOLOGY, HISTORY,
ART, CLASSICAL LANGUAGES) WORKS INTO HER
POEMS. READ AND FLOAT

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OF POETRY & PROSE. HE HAS EARNED
HIS BREAD & BUTTER AS A BUILDER IN
WOOD & STONE, AS WELL AS A PICS WRITER
& PUBLISHER AT LONGHORN. WITH HIS WIFE
& LOVE SUSAN. THEY HAVE CHILDREN IN THEIR
LIVES. THIS KEEPS THEM THE HAPPIEST.



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