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**New Poetry Collection Captures the Grace of Appalachian Culture**  
*LSU Press to publish Search and Rescue by Michael Chitwood in March*

"In addition to his fine ear, Chitwood has a sure touch with aphoristic wisdom..."—*Poetry*

"Chitwood seems to be a Buddhist who hails from Appalachia, or he's a motorcycle-riding philosopher taking dictation from nature, writing its gospel with his trusty crowquill pen."—Amy Gerstler

**Baton Rouge**—In *Search and Rescue*, Michael Chitwood seeks what the pagan Celts called the *thin places*, the spots where otherworldliness bleeds into the everyday. Beginning with childhood, the poet meditates on the intersection of the sacred and secular, on those luminous moments we can only partially understand. Water anchors the collection with the title poem, which explores the history of a large manmade lake and how it changes the surrounding mountain community. Displaying keen narrative skills and an engaging voice, the poems in *Search and Rescue* pay homage to Whitman and Dickinson, to Heaney and Wright, in pursuit of the everyday grace of Appalachian culture and the natural landscape.

Born in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, **Michael Chitwood** lives and works as a writer and teacher in Chapel Hill, NC.

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