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In May's debut collection, poems buzz and purr like a well-oiled chassis. Grit, trial, and song thrum through tight syntax and deft prosody. From the resilient pulse of an abandoned machine to the sinuous lament of origami animals, here is the ever-changing hum that vibrates through us all, connecting one mind to the next.

"The elegant and laconic intelligence in these poems, their skepticism and bent humor and deliberately anti-Romantic stance toward experience are completely refreshing. After so much contemporary writing that seems all flash, no mind and no heart, these poems show how close observation of the world and a gift for plain-spoken, but eloquent speech, can give to poetry both dignity and largeness of purpose, and do it in an idiom that is pitch perfect to emotional nuance and fine intellectual distinctions. Hard-headed and tough-minded, *Hum* is the epitome of what Frost meant by 'a fresh look and a fresh listen.'" --Tom Sleigh

"Jamaal May's debut collection, *Hum*, is concerned with what's beneath the surfaces of things--the unseen that eats away at us or does the work of sustaining us. Reading these poems, I was reminded of Ellison's 'lower frequencies,' a voice speaking for us all. May has a fine ear, acutely attuned to the sonic textures of everyday experience. And *Hum*--a meditation on the machinery of living, an extended ode to sound and silence--is a compelling debut." --Natasha Trethewey

"In his percussive debut collection *Hum*, Jamaal May offers a salve for our phobias and restores the sublime to the urban landscape. Whether you need a friend to confide in, a healer to go to, or a tour guide to take you there, look no further. That low hum you hear are these poems, emanating both wisdom and swagger." --A. Van Jordan

### **From "Mechanophobia: Fear of Machines":**

*There is no work left for the husks.  
Automated welders like us,  
your line replacements, can't expect  
sympathy after our bright  
arms of cable rust over. So come*

*collect us for scrap, grind us up  
in the mouth of one of us.  
Let your hand pry at the access  
panel with the edge of a knife,  
silencing the motor and thrum.*

**Jamaal May** is a poet and editor from Detroit, MI where he taught poetry in public schools and worked as a freelance audio engineer and touring performer. His first full-length collection is *Hum* (Alice James Books, 2013). Individual poems have been awarded the 2013 *Indiana Review* Prize and appear in journals such as *The New Republic*, *Poetry*, *Ploughshares*, and the *Believer*. Jamaal has earned an MFA from Warren Wilson

and fellowships from Cave Canem and Bucknell University. He is founding editor of the Organic Weapon Arts Chapbook Press and a visiting faculty member in the Vermont College of Fine Arts MFA program.

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