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Elegaic and occasionally formal as always, this new collection of Monson's poems explores virtual and physical spaces, lining up world after world after world. These poems list, go associative, riffing on the manifestations of our manufactured lives. From methylchloroisothiazolinone, the wonderfully-named shampoo ingredient, to actor Wil Wheaton and digital shivs, these poems explore the muchness and emptiness of our lives.

It is not enough to tell you they were sad,
or you were sad, or we were sad enough
for all the wrecked egg of a world, for the sight
of wilted elephants standing in a circle
and the Always Groaning Armless Man
who keens Mariah Carey songs underneath
his knapsack that looks sort of like another head.

This 40pp chapbook is available now for \$8. A sample excerpt appears at right. The chapbook is available by mail, at excellent independent booksellers, or from the NMP storefront (credit cards accepted) at: <newmichiganpress.com/nmp>.

I don't regret the sight of myself in sunlight,
painted splotches that mean emotion on
my face to you. Spotlight I am something special,
all glow and happenstance and superpowered
hunger. Also action. There is this glory in emaciation.

ANDER MONSON is the author of three books: *Neck Deep and Other Predicaments* (Graywolf, 2007), *Other Electricities* (Sarabande, 2005), and *Vacationland* (Tupelo, 2005), and one chapbook, *Safety Features* (New Michigan Press, 1999), now long out of print.

I am your new favorite bird, the one you leave
when it gets dark and the world has cooled
to the temperature of soot, the one you leave suet
out for in the cold after everything with longer wings
has set out for the South.

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And if the squirrels
cannot scale the pole for food because of your baffling
contraption—

And if they whirl and trail frustrated figure-eights
in the snow that will only last another
couple hours before sublimation—

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