

POETRY



Cathy Smith Bowers' poems have appeared widely in publications such as *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The Georgia Review*, *Poetry*, *The Southern Review*, and *The Kenyon Review*. She is a winner of The General Electric Award for Younger Writers, recipient of a South Carolina Poetry Fellowship, and winner of The South Carolina Arts Commission Fiction Project. She served for many years as poet-in-residence at Queens University of Charlotte where she received the 2002 JB Fuqua Distinguished Educator Award. She now teaches in the Queens low-residency MFA In Creative Writing Program. Smith Bowers is the author of three collections of poetry: *The Love That Ended Yesterday in Texas*, Texas Tech University Press, 1992; *Traveling in Time of Danger*, Iris Press, 1999; and *A Book of Minutes*, Iris Press, 2004. Her craft essay "A Moment of Intensity" is featured in the 2007 edition of *Poet's Market*.

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Claudia Rankine is a poet, essayist, playwright and the editor of several anthologies. She is the author of five volumes of poetry, two plays and various essays. Her most recent work, the book-length poem, *Citizen: An American Lyric*, won the 2014 Los Angeles Times Book Award, the 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award in Poetry (the first book in the award's history to be nominated in both poetry and criticism), the 2015 Forward Prize for Best Collection, the 2015 Hurston/Wright Legacy Award in Poetry, the 2015 NAACP Image Award in poetry, the 2015 PEN Open Book Award, the 2015 PEN American Center USA Literary Award, the 2015 PEN Oakland-Josephine Miles Literary Award and the 2015 VIDA Literary

Award. *Citizen* was also a finalist for the 2014 National Book Award and was the 2015 T.S. Eliot Prize. *Citizen* holds the distinction of being the only poetry book to be a New York Times bestseller in the nonfiction category. Rankine's numerous awards and honors include the 2014 Morton Dauwen Zabel Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the 2014 Jackson Poetry Prize, as well as a 2014 Lannan Foundation Literary Award. In 2005, she was awarded the Academy Fellowship for distinguished poetic achievement by the Academy of American Poets. She is a 2016 United States Artist Zell Fellow and a 2016 MacArthur Fellow. Rankine has recently held a position at Pomona College. She is presently the Frederick Iseman Professor of Poetry at Yale University and a chancellor of the Academy of American Poets.