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These poems blaze in an inferno of lament and love as a son cares for his father who suffers from a debilitating illness. The speaker in *Bicycle in a Ransacked City* paints an emotional landscape from childhood to the present, while trying to find glimpses of happiness in the imminent painful loss.

This debut collection follows the struggles of a son attempting to care for his father with Parkinson's Disease against the backdrop of the burning Bronx and New York City. The poems peel away at the complexity of love, family, individual growth, and sacrifice as the rough son moves through the world. In the face of a merciless disease, each poem fights to turn despair into gratitude.

“The poetry of Andrés Cerpa gives startling dimension to the most profound experiences of human sadness; his words come from the ache of longing for what has been taken away or denied by loss and love. A remarkable and poignant debut that illuminates the dark rooms we all inhabit in our search for solace, beauty, or saving grace.”

—Rigoberto González, author of *Unpeopled Eden*

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Katie says

I was lucky to get an advance copy of this collection to write a review! This is a stunning and ambitious work for a debut. Make sure to pick up a copy when it comes out in January!
