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Autumn House Press is pleased to announce the upcoming release of Chad Abushanab's debut poetry collection, *The Last Visit*, winner of the 2018 Donald Justice Poetry Prize.

Throughout *The Last Visit*, Chad Abushanab carefully and compassionately explores a family broken by alcoholism and abuse. The collection traces the trajectory of an adolescent living with a violent father who struggles with addiction, often through formal poetry such as the sonnet, rubáiyát, and villanelle. The poems recount both the abused child's perspective and his attempts to reckon with his past as he reaches adulthood. Jericho Brown selected *The Last Visit* as the 2018 winner of the West Chester University Poetry Center's Donald Justice Poetry Prize.

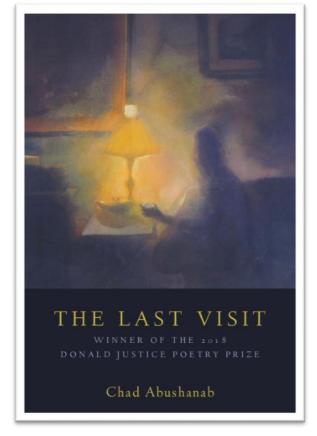
Mark Jarman writes of Abushanab's debut, "He takes us on an unflinching tour of abuse, alcoholism, murder, and suicide, the chapter headings of contemporary American society.... There are few survivors in this world and no forgetting what we have experienced. I am glad to know Chad Abushanab's poetry and expect that this moving, troubling, and superbly written volume will not be his last."

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About the Author: Chad Abushanab is a poet, teacher, and critic. His poems have appeared in *The Believer*, 32 Poems, Southern Poetry Review, Ecotone, The Hopkins Review, The Southeast Review, Shenandoah, Best New Poets 2017, and several other journals and anthologies. He holds an MFA from Vanderbilt University and a PhD in Literature and Creative Writing from Texas Tech University. He currently resides in Iowa City.

Please look for *The Last Visit* at your local bookstore, on our website, or through our distributor The University of Chicago Press. If you are interested in reviewing the book or scheduling an interview or reading with the author, please don't hesitate to email me, <u>cstroud@autumnhouse.org</u>.

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