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STEPHEN DUNN’s New and Selected Poems: 1974-1994 was published in the spring of 1994 and Walking Light: Essays and Memoirs was published a year earlier, both from Norton.

MARIBETH FISCHER’S first publication, “Stillborn,” in this issue of TIR, is taken from her nonfiction manuscript, “What a Woman Wears Lightly.” She lives in Baltimore.

LI GUOWEN was born in Shanghai in 1930. He studied at the Nanjing Drama Institute in 1947 and went on to work at the Central Drama Institute in Beijing in 1949. During the early 50s he worked briefly as a culture officer for the army and the railroad workers’ union.

In 1957, Li Guowen was labeled a “rightist” (enemy category) for his short story “Gai Xuan,” first published in Renmin Wenxue 1957.7 (translated as “The New Election” in Literature of the Hundred Flowers, edited by Hualing Nieh and published by Columbia University Press in 1981).

Li was rehabilitated in 1979 following the death of Mao Zedong and the end of the Cultural Revolution, and has been writing and publishing steadily since. His two best-known novels are Spring in Winter, a re-visit into the dark secrets of Party politics and No. 5 Garden Street, a story about problems in the current reform, which has been made into a popular TV drama.

Qiong Biaojie (translated as “The Poor Relation”) was published in Xiaoshuo Jie magazine, Number 2, 1982, and included in Xiaoshuo Xuankan, Number 8, 1982 (a magazine which reprints new works which are well-received).

BOB HICOK is an automotive die designer. His collection, Bearing Witness, was published by Ridgeway Press in 1991. He has poems forthcoming in Boulevard, The Kenyon Review, River Styx, and Witness.
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REGINALD SHEPHERD’S collection Some Are Drowning, winner of the 1993 AWP Award in Poetry, will be published by the University of Pittsburgh Press in the fall of 1994.


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JAMES TATE’S new collection of poems, Worshipful Company of Fletchers, is due out this fall from Ecco.

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