

# GHOST COUNTY

A POETRY COLLECTION BY  
JOHN MCCARTHY

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## MG Press Presents *Ghost County*:

In John McCarthy's debut collection, lifetimes are spent traveling in pickup trucks across the Midwest, exploring spaces between love and its imperfect manifestations. *Ghost County* drives blue-collar back roads and guides readers through personal meditations about heritage, loss, and the desire to reimagine the past and future. Dateless baseball trophies, the world's largest catsup bottle, and swivel set televisions illustrate a Midwest that is recognizable and echoes with its own poetry, affirming the traditions and experiences that bind this region to self and self to region.

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"*Ghost County*...is a book that never stops opening up."  
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"McCarthy's poems pay close attention to a darker middle life, and they do not flinch."  
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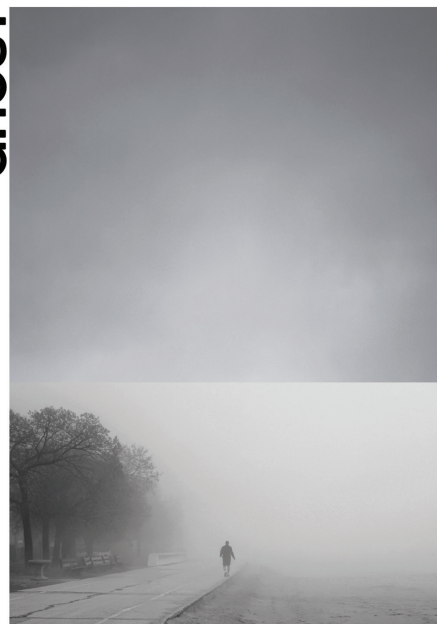
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