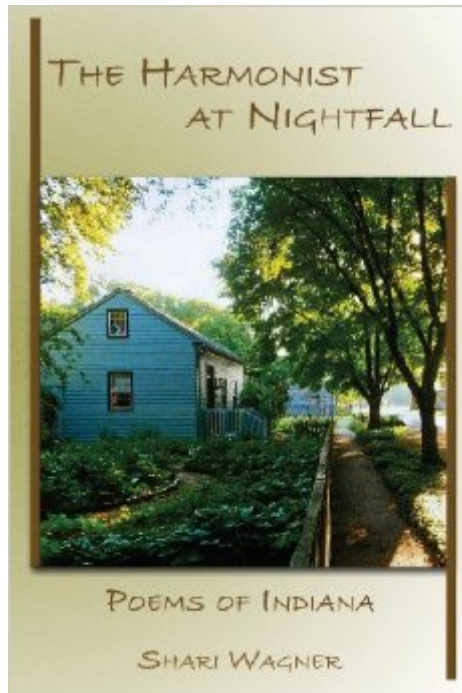


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This book you're holding represents years' worth of discipline and labor, of time and travel and, as you'll discover, the pure joy of attention and love of language. The thing that makes a poet undertake a particular project is a mystery, finally. One day Shari Wagner was called to understand something, and the journey she decided to take was a meditative one, through the labyrinth of nature and time in a particular place in this world. The result is a gift, this collection of poems. I don't know of a writer, with the exceptions of Gene Stratton-Porter (the subject of several of these poems) or Jessamyn West, who has written with as much care and specificity of Indiana's natural beauty as Wagner does in this book. When Wagner sees an oriole at 10 o'clock in a tree she writes that it's like opening / the tab on an advent calendar. • I can't think of a better description of the experience of reading these poems. ~Susan Neville
Author of *Sailing the Inland Sea: On Writing, Literature, and Land*

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Shari Wagner is selected as the Indiana State Poet Laureate for the years 2016-2017. She writes enchantingly about Indiana people, locations, events, and makes poetry fun for everyone, every age. She was born and raised in northern Indiana, now working in the Indianapolis area. Her poetry makes the life of a Hoosier come alive, no doubt a considerable factor for selecting her as the Indiana State Poet Laureate for the Bicentennial Celebration year of Indiana statehood (1816). She addresses emotions, wildlife, outdoors settings, and family in many of her poems. Family friendly

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In *The Harmonist at Nightfall: Poems of Indiana*, Shari Wagner lights the sky with real places, real people, real Indiana. It's as if the veil of the past is suspended in the present, revealing the famous, forgotten ones, family, native peoples, the natural world, animals, birds, historical places, parks, utopias. Wagner brings to light all manner of beauty and pain to illumine our hearts.

These poems by Shari Wagner are quietly beautiful and personal. She is a remarkable poet of places and people. Indiana is fortunate to have her, but she writes for us all. The book is appropriately in the Harmony Series, poems that sustain us.

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