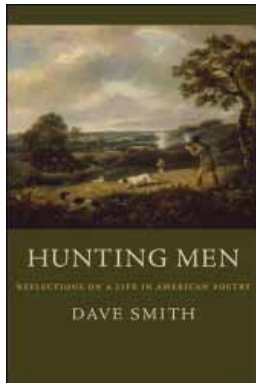
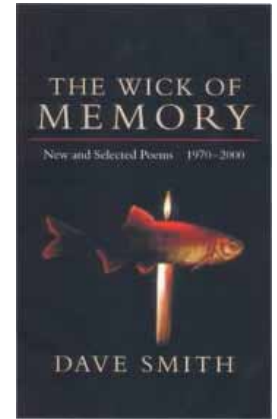
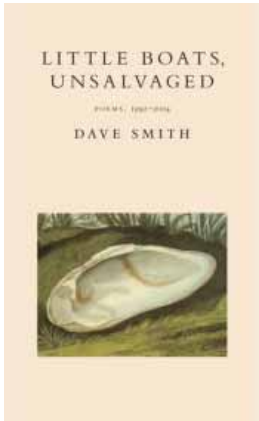


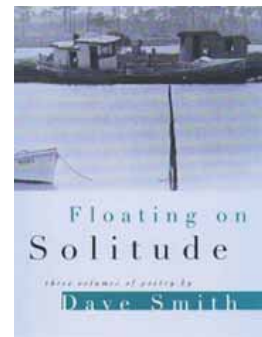
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SPEAKERS

Dave Smith (February 9, 2000)



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Dave Smith was born in Virginia and studied at the University of Virginia and Southern Illinois University, receiving his MA just before being drafted to serve in the Vietnam War. Retiring from the Air Force in 1972, he went on to receive his PhD from Ohio University. Today, Smith is the Elliot Coleman Professor of Poetry and Department Chair at The Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins University. He has written almost two dozen books across a wide variety of genres, including poetry, fiction, criticism, and memoir. His poetry has been honored with the Virginia Prize in Poetry and an award from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, and his poetry collection *The Wick of Memory: New and Selected Poems, 1970-2000* received the Dictionary of Literary Biography Yearbook Award for Most Distinguished Volume of Poetry. Amongst other honors, he has been awarded fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Guggenheim Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, as well as the Lyndhurst Fellowship.

Dave Smith has also enjoyed a distinguished career as an editor. Before accepting his current position at Johns Hopkins, he was Boyd Professor of English at Louisiana State University, where he edited the *Southern Review* from 1990 to 2002. Smith continues to maintain his connections to LSU, serving as editor of Louisiana State University Press's *Southern Messenger Poets* series. Smith has also edited such works as *The Essential Poe*, *The Morrow Anthology of Younger American Poets* (co-edited with David Bottoms), and *The Pure Clear Word: Essays on the Poetry of James Wright*.

Dave Smith participated in the Richard J. Calhoun Writers and Teachers Series during spring semester 2000. He gave a public reading of his work on February 9, 2000, drawing a good audience in spite of Republican presidential candidate John McCain's concurrent visit to campus.