***An Anthology of Rain: Poems***

**New Book by Acclaimed Poet**

**Phillis Levin**

Phillis Levin’s much-anticipated sixth collection, *An Anthology of Rain*, is a series of poems immersed in time while acknowledging “How it is / Is not how it is / It keeps changing.” Memories become palpable as the present: a duel of roses between friends and across languages is cause for delight, as is the vision of a father returned to life to assuage the poet’s grief. Light and water are twin elements, whether the “Blighted light” of a leaf turning in early fall or a drop of rain inviting us to trace its movement down a window. A spirit of reciprocity between poet and reader animates this collection, creating what the best poems offer—a thrilling sense of immediacy in the face of flux.

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 –**Linda Gregerson**

**about the poet**

Phillis Levin is the author of *Mr. Memory & Other Poems*, a finalist for the 2016 Los Angeles Times Book Prize; *May Day*; *Mercury; The Afterimage*; and *Temples and Fields,* winner of the Poetry Society of America’s Norma Farber First Book Award. She is the editor of *The Penguin Book of the Sonnet*. She lives with her husband in New York City.

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