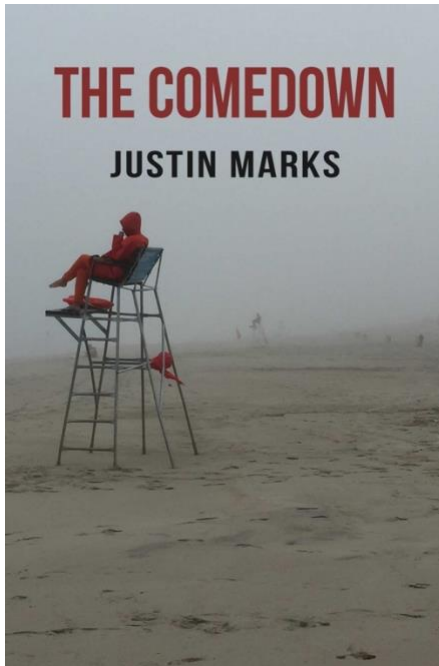


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Justin Marks' Releases New Poetry Book with Publishing Genius Press

"The Comedown" is the NYC-based author's third book



Readers of exacting and emotional modern poetry will celebrate the launch of *The Comedown*, a new book of poetry by Justin Marks, co-founder of the award-winning small press, Birds LLC.

In *The Comedown*, each page builds on the last and informs the next, creating a unique unfolding, an enveloping and personal reading experience. Taken altogether, the 80-page poem is a courageous exploration of the author's own experiences, anxieties, failings, and (yes) redemptions. Justin Marks provides a window into his mind that effectively shines out onto our own—it's a truly remarkable and generous gesture that bears re-reading, and rewards it.

Ilya Kaminski (the author of *Deaf Republic*) suggests the book is "perhaps a memoir in verse, or a dramatic monologue. It is both playful and yet revealing, honest and philosophical, formally innovative and yet direct."

Su Hwang (the author of *Bodega*) says, "Justin Marks' singular voice contends with the universality of existential dread without artifice or grandeur ... fallible, but full of grace."

The book's official release date is March 2, 2021, and Justin Marks has already been slated for several podcast episodes and Zoom readings around then. The book is available, in both paperback and hardcover, at a discounted price from Publishing Genius. There's also a companion book of photography by the author.

About the Author

Justin Marks' other books are *You're Going to Miss Me When You're Bored* (Barrelhouse Books), *A Million in Prizes* (New Issues), and the chapbook *We Used to Have Parties* (Dikembe Press). He is a co-founder of Birds, LLC, an independent poetry press, and lives in Queens, NY with his family. His poems can be read [poems Poets.org](http://poems.Poets.org).

About the Publisher

PGP was founded in Baltimore in 2006, and has released books by Melissa Broder, Nichole Perkins, Rachel B. Glaser, Michael Kimball, Madeline ffitich and many more. The press has been featured in *Publishers Weekly*, *Poets and Writers*, and several other leading industry magazines, and was twice named Baltimore's Best Publishing House by the *City Paper*.

At a Glance

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