

Mike Madill's *The Better Part of Some Time* captures the aging and loss of much-loved elders, especially his father. These deeply felt, well-crafted poems make the past live through exact observation and striking detail. The book's final section turns from grief and absorption in the beyond back toward acceptance and dailiness, to poetry and to the poet's "meeting himself," still tethered to this life. A memorable book, impeccably written.

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