



*JUST LIKE OZ:
ESSAYS ON A FEW POET WIZARDS
& THEIR MULTIFACETED MAGIC*

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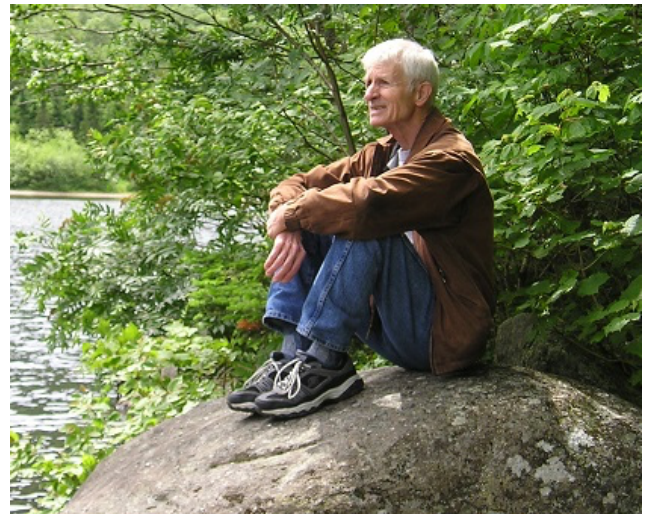
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Just Like Oz, a book consisting of eighteen essays, some short and some long, mostly examines the work of “wizard poets,” some well-known and even iconic, a few unknown to the wider literary community. George Drew’s purpose is to take a deep critical dive into the art of poetry by analyzing the work of those wizard poets and, in doing so, praising them and their shimmering art. For those poets, Drew shows us, the poetic flood flowered. For readers, these essays provide a kind of yellow brick road into an Oz of truth and beauty that is the magic realm of poetry.



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