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“... a truly original and inventive poet whose love for language manifests itself with stunning results.” — Geoffrey Nutter

New York, NY — March 2013 — **David Joel Friedman’s** *Soldier Quick with Rain*, the winner of Augury Books’ Annual Editor’s Prize, is a book childlike in temperament, relaxed in constitution, bold in content and spontaneous in vision. Friedman masters the contradictory without calling attention to it, building a fascinating, yet familiar, world where his readers can comfortably settle in for a wholly unconventional ride.



GHOST

There was a ghost that loved to gambol in the rain. His fellow ghosts ridiculed him. One of them asked, “Why? You can enter any shelter without an invitation, and without a key. Live up to your ghosthood, your heritage!”

The first ghost replied, “With pleasure. But tell me: if I do not gambol in the rain, who will? It is such a lovely phrase, to gambol in the rain! Do not mistake beauty for practicality, or vice versa.”

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