



the
SOLITUDE
of
Memory

MICHAEL MILLER

PRAISE

“I’ve been an admirer of Michael Miller’s work for many years. In his latest book, *The Solitude of Memory*, he addresses the nuances of this contradictory world. Here, his empathy embraces the pain of soldiers and the poignant lives of the elderly. The book concludes with a long poetic sequence about the dilemma of a man coping with blindness and finding the light despite it. Most moving, perhaps, is when he writes about enduring love. Miller’s poems, each expertly wrought, are radiant.”

Nikia Leopold, Ph.D.
author of *Healing with Shadows*

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Passager Publishes Book by 80-Year-Old Amherst, MA Poet

Passager Books announces the publication of *The Solitude of Memory* by Amherst, Massachusetts writer Michael Miller. The collection explores themes of love, war, and blindness.

The Solitude of Memory is Miller's 12th collection of poems and, he believes, his best work. "I began writing it when COVID began in this country," he says, "and perhaps my writing about the past was, and is, my way of dealing with this uncertain time which has been personalized with conscious or unconscious stress."

Miller, who lives without a smart phone or computer, regularly sits in Emily Dickinson's garden to write and then later types his poems on his typewriter.

Passager Books editor Mary Azrael says, "Miller's language is plain, not fancy; his subject matter great – love, war, and seeing. He rises early each day, in the dark, sits in his recliner, and writes. Poetry is so much part of his life and poems come to him."

In its 30 years of publishing 72 journal issues and 30 books, Passager has shared the work of more than 1,000 writers, many in their 80s and 90s and 100s. In doing so, this not-for-profit press has gained a reputation for longevity in a field in which few magazines and journals last more than a handful of years. With *The Solitude of Memory*, Passager Books continues its tradition of bringing the compelling writing and the insight and wisdom of older writers to the public.

The Solitude of Memory is available from www.passagerbooks.com.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Michael Miller's first book, *The Joyful Dark*, was the Editor's Choice winner of The McGovern Prize at Ashland Poetry Press. His third book, *Darkening the Grass*, was a "Must Read" selection of the Massachusetts Book Award in 2013. His poem, "The Different War," was the 2014 First Prize Winner of the W. B. Yeats Society Poetry Award and was anthologized in *Yeats 150* (Lilliput Press, Dublin). His poems have appeared in *The Kenyon Review*, *The Sewanee Review*, *The New Republic*, *The American Scholar*, *Ontario Review*, *The Southern Review*, *Commonweal*, *Raritan*, *The Yale Review*, *The Michigan Quarterly Review*, and *Passager*. Born in 1940, Michael Miller served four years in the Marine Corps. He lives in Amherst, Massachusetts.

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