ABOUT THE POETS

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Sadiyah Bashir, poet, fashion blogger and freelance writer, is a two-time youth Grand Slam poetry champion. Her poetry has been showcased on various media such as Al-Jazeera, Apple, Busboys and Poets and UNICEF. Her first book, Seven, explores trauma and triumph through the lens of Black Muslim womanhood. She is currently working on a second manuscript documenting the history and lives of Black Muslims in America.

Preeti Kaur Rajpal
Preeti Kaur Rajpal writes poetry and nonfiction. Her work can be found in literary publications, including Spook, Tupelo Quarterly, and Lantern Review. She has been a Poetry Fellow at Loft Literary, POETRY Incubator, Tin House, Kearny Street Workshop, and other literary institutions around the country. She received a 2019-2020 inaugural Jerome Hill Artist Fellowship in Literature. She is a writer-in-residence at Storyknife and Anderson Center in 2022 and at Djerassi in 2022. Her forthcoming book of poems explores contemporary Sikh experience in the United States through the lenses of family, nation, history, and memory.

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