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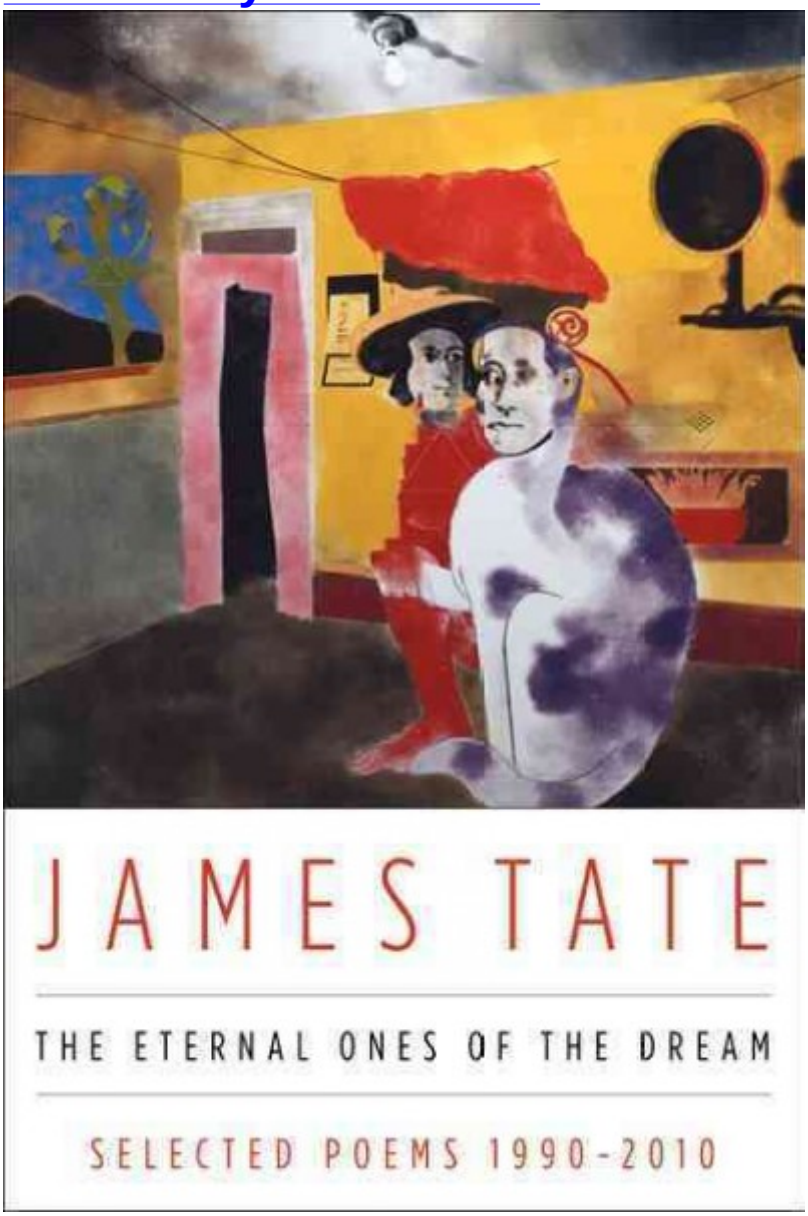

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Because it?s National Poetry Month, I?ve been checking out new collections for a few weeks. Here are a couple more titles that I particularly enjoyed.

The Eternal Ones of the Dream: Selected Poems 1990-2010
Forget the sappy title--James Tate?s poems are accessible yet deep, eccentric, and sometimes bizarre. His gifts include a fluid poetic style and the ability to continuously surprise. Here?s how ?It Happens like This? begins:

?I was outside St. Cecilia?s Rectory / smoking a cigarette when a goat appeared beside me?.? The poem?s speaker admires the goat, wonders if there?s a leash law for them, and then when he walks away the goat follows him. ?People / smiled at me and admired the goat. ?It?s not my goat,? / I explained. ?It?s the town?s goat. I?m just taking / my turn caring for it.? ?I didn?t know we had a goat,? / one of them said, ?I wonder when my turn is?? Whether you?re a goat-lover or not, you will enjoy the odd realism here, the tongue-in-cheek humor.

In fact humor is another one of Tate?s paramount qualities. Check out some of his other poetic titles in *The Eternal Ones of the Dream*: ?Uneasy about the Sounds of Some Night-Wandering Animal,? ?Doink,? ?The Flying Petunias,? **Read more »**

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