



Aaron Belz's fourth poetry collection, *Soft Launch*, was published by Persea Books in September, 2019.

A new *Publishers Weekly* review opines, "...[Belz] acutely observes his fellow humans—especially millennials—and uses these observations to weave text-speak and startup jargon into rich moments that feel entirely human."

Belz, a St. Louis native, spent seven years in Hillsborough, NC, before moving to Savannah last summer.

His other works include *The Bird Hoverer* (BlazeVOX, 2007), *Lovely, Raspberry* (Persea, 2010), and *Glitter Bomb* (Persea, 2014).

...

"Aaron Belz's poetry reminds us that poetry should be bright, friendly, surprising, and totally committed to everything but itself. Reading him is like dreaming of a summer vacation—and then taking it."

—John Ashbery

"Aaron Belz is a gravely hilarious poet. These poems are part Discovery Channel, part History Channel, part E!—his ferocious intelligence, his love of glitz, and his wry take on relationships (both human and animal) are irresistible. Belz's voice is bold, wise, inimitable."

—Denise Duhamel

LIVE POETRY EVENT

**Saturday, Nov. 23, 2:00 pm
Hillsborough Wine Company
118 Churton Street**