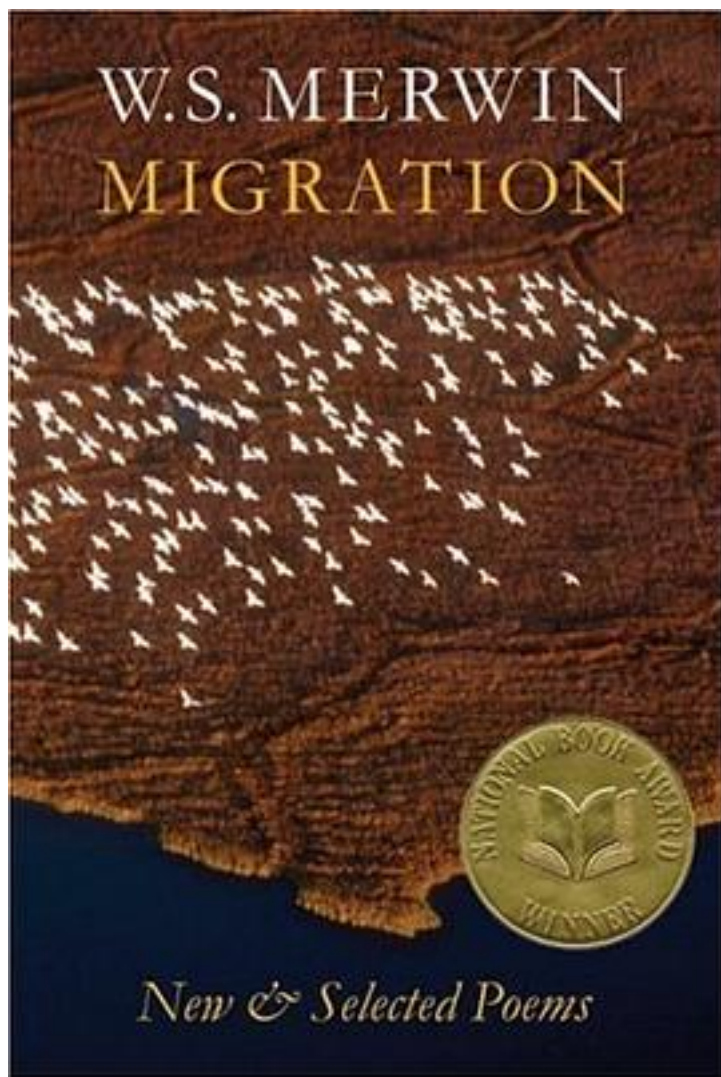


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From Once in Spring

A sentence continues after thirty years

it wakes in the silence of the same room

the words that come to it after the long comma

existed all that time wandering in space

as points of light travel unseen through ages

of which they alone are the measure and arrive

at last to tell of something that came to pass

before they ever began or meant anything

Migration is the distillation of a profound body of work. Drawing the best poems from his acclaimed 17 books, and including a selection of new poems, Migration is the definitive Merwin volume. It embodies his evolving poetic style, commitment to bearing witness, and artistic and political nerve. There is nothing quite like this in American poetry.

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