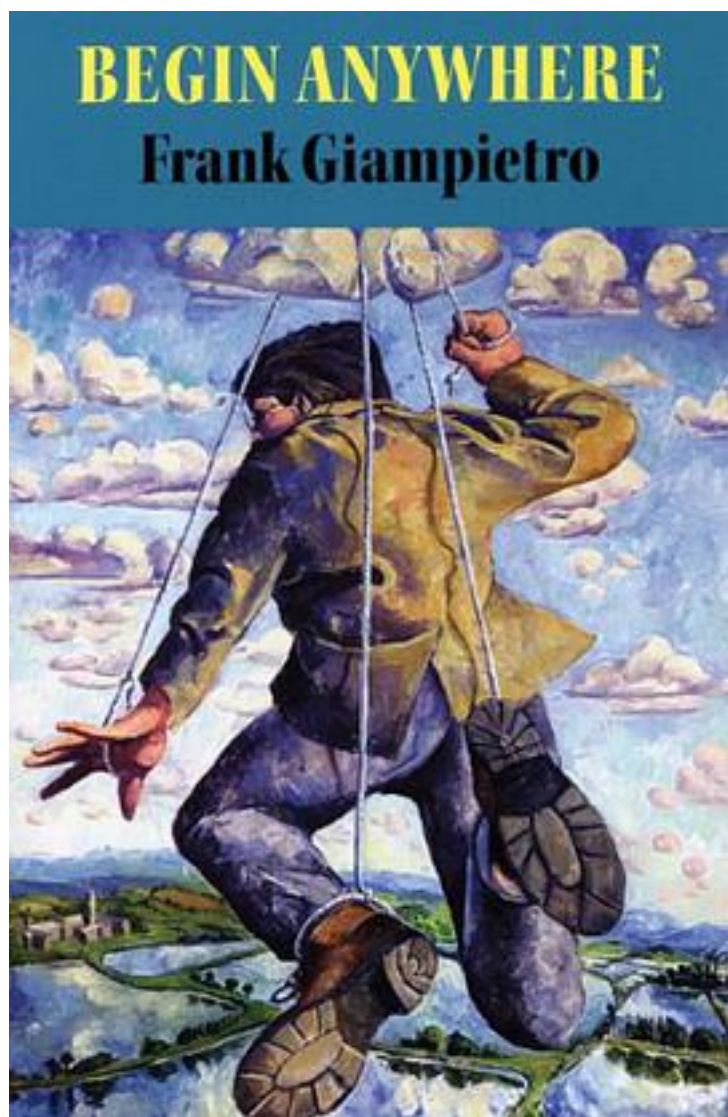


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Tension between the alluring promise of contemporary American suburbia and the high anxiety of a born second-guesser characterize this funny, self-deprecating, and frank portrayal of fatherhood, marriage, and personal transformation, as the speaker's definition of happiness evolves. "The Afterlife" "It was after my 31 year-old body fell from the ledge of the skateboard ramp and lay on its back clutching its knee then its wrist that I convinced the white sheet of high thin clouds I was all right. It was after I watched one chickenhawk follow another into a wall of pine trees that I decided if I can't be young in the afterlife, I don't want to go. It was after this, the black spot of sweat on the asphalt in the shape of a torso disappeared." Frank Giampietro earned his MFA from Vermont College and is currently in the PhD program in creative writing at Florida State University. His poems have appeared in "Columbia Poetry Review," "CutBank," "32 Poems," "Exquisite Corpse," and "Poetry International." He lives in Tallahassee with his wife and two children.

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