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(Arlington, VA)—Gival Press is pleased to announce the forthcoming publication of *Haint: poems* by Teri Ellen Cross Davis to be released in June. The debut collection was chosen for the inaugural Giron/Valdez Series for Unique Voices in Literature. As Myra Sklarew adeptly noted “Teri Cross Davis has the courage to make this complex experience come to life, to address it, to let her readers know what it feels like, and to tell them she will go on, facing and giving life to a new level of understanding that is seldom addressed.”

Cornelius Eady writes “*Haint* is a book of life. Not a book of survival, though the poet survives, not a book of reckoning, though the poet comes to terms with many things. *Haint* is a book of choices, and witnessing. A book of learning the bodies territories, pleasures and sorrows. A book that constructs the irrepressible center of a soul, page by page, plank by plank. A book a reader will put down after reading and mutter ‘yes’ to themselves, haunted.”

This moving collection can touch readers on so many different levels and as Ross Gay states “Although heartbreak is the origin of so many of these poems, it’s love that makes them go. Love to which they plead and aspire and pray.”

***Haint: poems* by Teri Ellen Cross Davis**

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**About the Author:**

Teri Ellen Cross Davis is a Cave Canem fellow and has attended the Soul Mountain Writer’s Retreat, the Virginia Center for Creative Arts, and the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown. Her work has been published in many anthologies including, *Bum Rush The Page: A Def Poetry Jam*, *Gathering Ground: A Reader Celebrating Cave Canem’s First Decade*, *Growing Up Girl*, *Full Moon on K Street: Poems About Washington, DC*, and *Check the Rhyme: An Anthology of Female Poets & Emcees*. Her work can also be read in the following publications: *Beltway Poetry Quarterly*, *Gargoyle*, *Natural Bridge*, *The Sligo Journal*, *ArLiJo*, *Mi Poesias*, *Torch*, *Poet Lore* and is forthcoming in the *North American Review* and the *Puerto Del Sol* blog. She currently lives in Silver Spring, Maryland with her husband, poet Hayes Davis and their two children.

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