

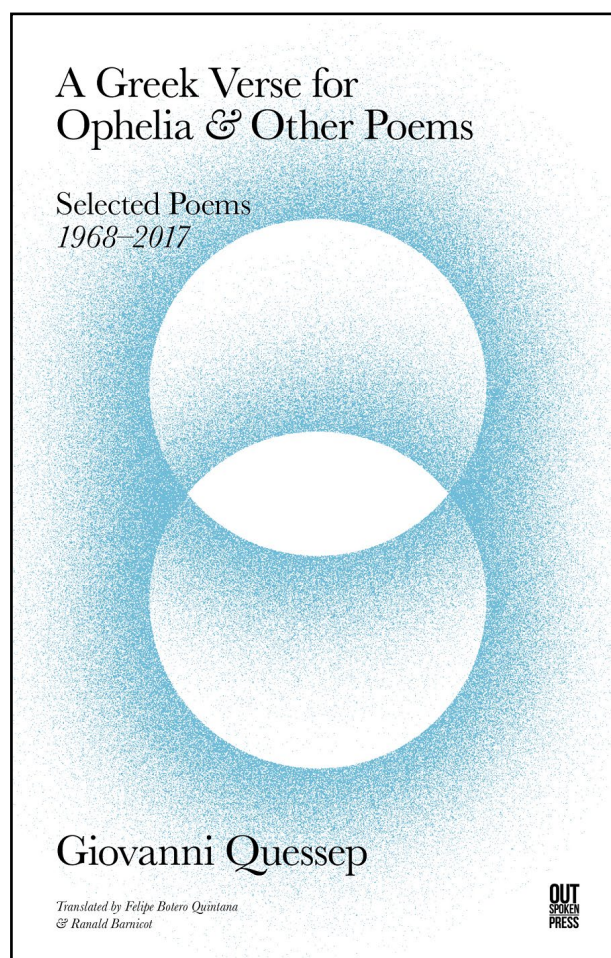
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Out-Spoken Press publishes Colombian poet Giovanni Quessep translated into English for the first time

Out-Spoken Press will be publishing *A Greek Verse to Ophelia and Other Poems*, a book of poems by celebrated Colombian author Giovanni Quessep translated into English for the first time.



Giovanni Quessep's career has spanned over 60 years. He has published fourteen books of original poetry. In addition, various editorials in Colombia have published several collections of his work and he has been included in many Colombian and Latin American anthologies of poetry. He is considered one of the most famous Colombian poets from the 20th century and was closely acquainted with renowned Argentinian author Jorge Luis Borges, hosting his visit to Colombia in the 70s, as well as Leon de Greiff and Aurelio Arturo, two important figures in Colombian poetry.

Quessep studied Philosophy and Literature at the Universidad Javeriana and where he acquired a degree in Hispano-American Literature from the Instituto Caro y Cuervo. During this time, he also attended the lectures about the poetry of the Golden Age and the Generation of the 27 given by the Spanish poet Jorge Guillén.

A Greek Verse to Ophelia and Other Poems, publishing on the 15th November, contains a selection of some of Quessep's best work and has been translated by Felipe Botero Quintana and Ranald Barnicot.

Felipe Botero Quintana says: "Collaborating with an English poet and translator who has so much experience as Ranald Barnicot has allowed me to learn a great deal about poetry general and the subtleties of the English language. It has been an incredible enriching experience for me and indeed an enjoyable exchange, since through the work on the translations I have been able to share a lot about my country's history and cultural traditions with Ranald."

Ranald Barnicot says: "It's been a great honour to work alongside (though over thousands of miles of ocean!) Felipe Botero Quintana on our versions of this mysterious genius of a poet. Felipe has worked on the translations for much longer than I have and has accrued many insights into Quessep's poetry. With his deep knowledge of Spanish language and, indeed, world literature, he has contributed greatly to what we hope

to have achieved in this book: the translation of some of Quessep's best poetry into a viable poetic English equivalent."

Publisher Anthony Anaxagorou says: "I feel this collection is set to bedazzle british audiences with it's sheer range and precision. Quessep is nothing short of a fountainhead worthy of being placed alongside Neruda, Lorca and Borges."

The book will be launching at the Colombian Consulate in London on the 15th November with an evening of readings with the translators.

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About Out-Spoken Press

Out-Spoken Press is an independent publisher of poetry and critical writing founded by poet Anthony Anaxagorou in 2013. It aims to give a literary platform to poets and writers whose work is innovative, sensual and plural. The press is based in London.