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Pitt Press publishes 2011 Cave Canem Poetry Prize winner

PITTSBURGH—The University of Pittsburgh Press has just released the debut collection by Nicole Terez Dutton, *If One of Us Should Fall*, winner of the 2011 Cave Canem Poetry Prize.

Cave Canem Foundation, Inc., headquartered in New York City, is North America's premier "home for black poetry." The poetry prize is a first-book award given annually for an exceptional manuscript by an African American poet. Dutton's work was selected by award-winning poet Patricia Smith.

"Nicole Terez Dutton's fierce and formidable debut throbs with restless beauty and a lyrical undercurrent that is both empowered and unpredictable," Smith said. "Every poem is unsettling in that delicious way that changes and challenges the reader. There is nothing here that does not hurtle forward."

Describing *If One of Us Should Fall*, Dutton explained, "The poems are reflections on traveling and explore feelings of dislocation."

Dutton's poetry has appeared in *The Carolina Quarterly*, *Callaloo*, *Ploughshares*, *32 Poems*, *Indiana Review*, *580 Split*, *Folio: A Literary Journal*, *Gathering Ground*, and *Salt Hill Journal*. She earned her M.F.A. from Brown University and has received fellowships from Cave Canem, the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. She was a 2007 finalist for the Hurston/Wright Foundation Fiction Award. The 37-year-old is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. She currently lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

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