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"Wildly original poems: obscene, sharp, and funny. The whole collection is unforgettable, literally: once read, it cannot be forgotten." -- *NPR*

"Most of her best lines are wildly unprintable here. ... The little hairs on my back rose often while reading *Motherland Fatherland Homelandsexuals*, as if it were the year of the big wind. That's biological praise, the most fundamental kind, impossible to fake." -- Dwight Garner, *The New York Times*

"Lockwood has written a book at once angrier, and more fun, more attuned to our time and more bizarre, than most poetry can ever get." -- Stephen Burt, *The New York Times Book Review*

"For the nimble, the skeptical, and the restless, writing like this represents a way to be in a country whose failures seem to them as much aesthetic as they are ethical. Lockwood's poems are less a critique of that culture than an alternative opened up sideways to it." -- Jonathan Farmer, *Slate*

About the Author

Patricia Lockwood was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and raised in all the worst cities of the Midwest. Her poetry collections include *Motherland Fatherland Homelandsexuals* (Penguin Books, 2014) and *Balloon Pop Outlaw Black* (Octopus Books, 2012).

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