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Thundering -- Three overturned SUVs, windows busted out -- The road -- Their language -- Before cloudbursts -- Cold front -- Heat wave -- The un-promise of pheromones -- Husband, in Mexico -- Heat -- Saint Hawaii -- On narrow streets -- Aquarium -- On patrol -- Waste -- K-9 -- Effective communication for senior patrol officers -- 2235 hours -- Cop math -- Uniform change-out -- Whiskered -- Seed -- Foreseeable -- Poems from How to undress a cop: Ode to body armor -- Death -- A certain kind of case -- Tu negrito -- Training photos -- Applying to LAPD -- Rosie working plain clothes -- Undressing a cop -- Silenced.

Sommario/riassunto

The poems of Sarah Cortez flex lean muscles to build lyric intensity and a gripping edginess often backlit by an incandescent, controlled eroticism. In many of the poems, Cortez reveals the hidden underworld of her fellow police officers, whose lives comprise the thin blue line and whose blood sometimes splashes and blackens on summer concrete. Using what poet Naomi Nye has called 'an organic sense of narrative,' Cortez brings the reader close, very close, to the complex family histories that have made her who she is--a woman whose warm self-worth is tucked safely in her right front trouser pocket. Aquarium And what of the water? A transparency we swim through, lithe white muscle, the glide of fins. We move and move forever inside reflections, refractions, ruckus from the other side. Our eyes never close. We see you coming. We don't think we're dinner.
