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NEW MICHIGAN PRESS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
the release of Caren Beilin’s Americans, Guests, or Us.

Remember when we were young and first dreamed of a life of
writing? It would be like living as a spy, or in a movie. Life sud-
denly made sense and could be endured insofar as it could be
written. Pain and humiliation could be used. People, good and
evil, were characters. Everywhere clarified lush, miraculous im-
ages. Not a word, a moment, would be again lowly. In the cen-
ter was the dream of the writing, taking shape as the unfolding
encyclopedia of our lives—heroic, magical, wise. At some point,
we actually began to live that life, yet with the humiliation and
miraculousness warped. Our mothers and fathers are dead. Ev-
everything has burned or is gone with the wind. What remains is
the encyclopedia, from which Caren Beilin’s writings have been
torn—more hallucinatory, masturbatory and sociopathic, while
also more bold, brave and beautiful, than our minds once con-
ceived. Americans, Guests, or Us is the realization and destruc-
tion of the dream. And we are within it, animal and timeless:
inhabitants, strangers, the writing, the vengeance; the heartrock
of Earth’s outer space.

— BRANDON SHIMODA

Harsh and sexy and at all times uniquely American.

— JESSE BERCOWETZ

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from Americans, Guests, or Us:

HOME REMEDY

Tears dissolve superglue, but if you cannot cry (you’ve
already cried and you aren’t going to cry again), make
an animal cry and use that, if you have connected two
objects—cup to table, desk to bed, tree to house—
and now they seem miserable together, unacceptably
connected, the connection was a mistake, a mistrial.
Make the animal—the rabbit if possible, something
domestic, a dog—cry however you see fit. Use tools
or emotional factors. Put the dropper (poise it) up
to the animal’s eye with one hand and have your
tools (or factors) in the other. Apply. Disconnect the
things that should not be connected forever.

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