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NEW MICHIGAN PRESS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE the release of Brent Armendinger's *Undetectable*, a finalist in the 2009 New Michigan Press/DIAGRAM Chapbook Contest.

Brent Armendinger's poems are smart, elegiac, and wonderful, filled with formal play, the vapor between rainfall, skies full of knives, and the memories of breath. *Undetectable* celebrates and makes visible the body's perforations, the openings between the body and the world, and manifests them in the fracture evident everywhere in this book. These poems pose questions of loveliness and loneliness: *Where do syllables take us?* and *What would it take for the window / to be the wish?*

If you want to find out, *Undetectable* is available by mail, at excellent independent booksellers, at Amazon, or best, from the NMP storefront at: <newmichiganpress.com/nmp>.

Brent Armendinger's *Undetectable*. NMP, 2009. Perfect-bound, 60pp. ISBN 978-1-934832-20-2. For more information (or for bookstore orders), email New Michigan Press at <nmp@thediagram.com> or check out the website (above).

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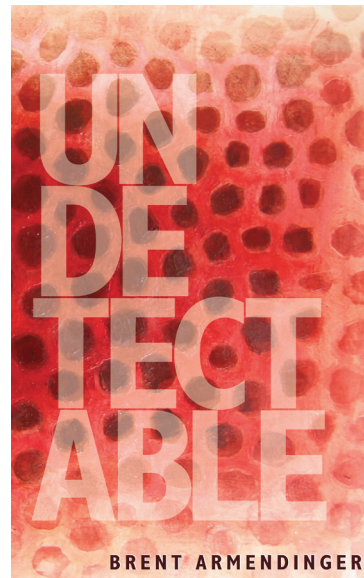
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EXCERPT FROM "XERISCAPING"

A moth  
is when we stopped breathing  
long enough to be alive.  
What if x equals  
all the winged zeroes

we forgot  
on the way to how old we are  
divided by a drought? A thousand exhalations  
to spend the way we choose.  
What if we could?  
A thousand breaths a day. The remainder  
as what's human. A moth

wakes up inside a piano  
like hearing without a mouth.  
Wild was the wind, a radio  
uninterrupted by air. Out there  
is unwritten. A noise. Inside is  
embarrassed and very late,  
like a hospital. All those zeroes  
falling down from the sky when I.



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