

Scattered Clouds: New and Selected Poems**Reuben Jackson**

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By avoiding cumbersome punctuation and the formality of capitalization, Reuben Jackson lullabies his way into treasured-voice status, quiet yet forceful. A jazz scholar and former curator with the Smithsonian's Duke Ellington Collection, Jackson was chosen for the Columbia Book Award in 1991 for his first collection, *fingering the keys*.

*2 haiku**a bag lady stares
at a neglected mansion
crumbling in the rain**black history month:
everyone loves your people
until march arrives.*

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