



Press Release

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**We are pleased to announce the publication of
a new collection of poetry by
Award-Winning Poet
David Bowles**

David Bowles' words are fresh and mythical, with voices of Old Mexico and Samurai and ancient Greece that often declare death to be just another stepping stone in life's journey. "When wounds are healed by love," he says, "The scars are beautiful." These are powerful poems to haunt and enthrall, connecting us beyond time. Prepare for a new voice. Prepare to be left wanting more.

—Karla K. Morton, 2010 Texas Poet Laureate



David Bowles' words will take you from a false ultrasound reading to the sun of the Aztecs, from runaway newspapers borne on the wind to runaway cosmology of demons and gods. David Bowles is not afraid, either of words or ideas. You will feel braver after reading *Shattering and Bricolage*.

—Jan Seale, 2012 Texas Poet Laureate

The title of David Bowles' first book of original poetry, *Shattering and Bricolage*, suggests the artistic technique of creating by combining in a mosaic the shards of previous, broken works. The volume explores the idea of psychological growth as a sort of bursting-apart and reintegration of the ego, examining the illusions and deceptions that humans can free themselves from if they are willing to undo their personas in order to expand themselves.



A product of an ethnically diverse family, David Bowles resides in the Rio Grande Valley of south Texas, where he divides his time among writing, editing, and teaching at the University of Texas Pan American. The Texas Institute of Letters recently awarded his book *Flower, Song, Dance: Aztec and Mayan Poetry* the Soeurette Diehl Fraser Award for Best Translation. His other books include *Mexican Bestiary* (an illustrated bilingual encyclopedia of legendary beings from Mexico) and *The Seed: Stories from the River's Edge*. His writing has appeared or is forthcoming in various periodicals, including *Translation Review*, *Eye to the Telescope*, *Concho River Review*, *Interstice*, *Huizache*, *BorderSenses*, *Illya's Honey*, *James Gunn's Ad Astra*, and *Red River Review*.

For more information about David Bowles, go to
<http://davidbowles.us/about/>

Shattering and Bricolage

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Noble, or the bookstore of your choice