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# The Kilim Dreaming

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By turns whimsical, terrifying, and elegiac, the four sobering poetic sequences featured in *The Kilim Dreaming* move with an acute formal and narrative dexterity, and they cast a wide net—wide enough, in fact, to engage head-on with the boundless complexities of contemporary life. These poems bear witness to the intersection of heart and mind, and they show us a poet brave enough to reach into the recesses of his essential public and private concerns.

~Michael McGriff, *To Build My Shadow a Fire*

Robert Hill Long tells seductive narratives. Whether they're stories of prostitutes of opposite genders swapping their own creation myths or of a Turkish rug merchant falling into an enchanted dream of what may be the source of all Art, they enchant. His intellectual accomplishments here are stunning; the poetic craft on display something even more than that: astonishing.

~Anthony Giardina, *White Guys and Recent History*

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