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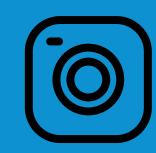
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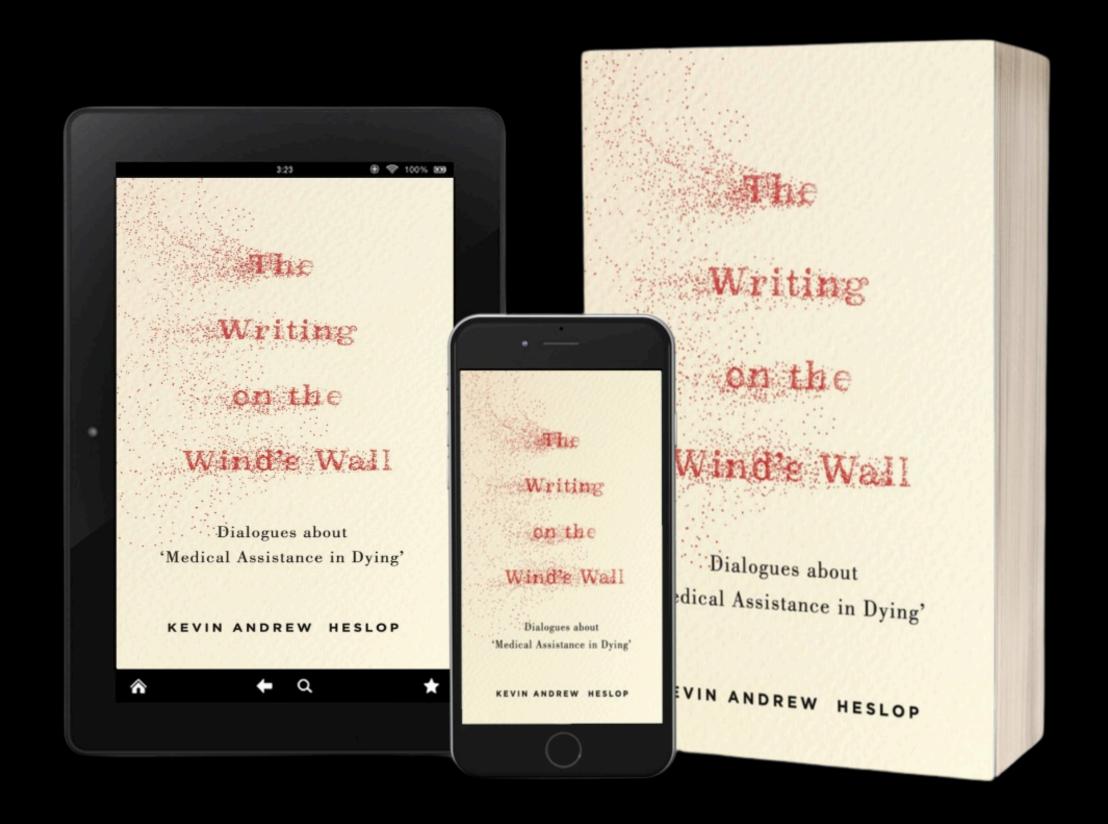


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"The Writing on the Wind's Wall is a testament to what a Canadian community felt and believed in 2020 about living, and dying, together."

Informed by two familial connections and Heslop's decade of experience facilitating long-form dialogues with writers and artists around the world, the hyphenate's non-fiction debut The Writing on the Wind's Wall: Dialogues about 'Medical Assistance in Dying' listens at length to the voices of those affected by 'Medical Assistance in Dying' in the city of London, Ontario, Kevin's hometown and a national healthcare hub.



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Musician, published poet, theatretrained actor, award-winning filmmaker, independent curator, global arts journalist. Born 1992 in Canada. Currently in residence with Teatro Oficina. Next book: The Writing on the Wind's Wall: Dialogues about 'Medical Assistance in Dying' (PNQ, '25). 2025 publications with The Fiddlehead, Amphora, <u>The</u> Seaboard Review, The Miramichi Reader, Parrot Art, Parrot Talks & Portfolio, CV, query, more. quid quarrel, pro quo: kevinandrewheslop.com. Go light.



As a journalist, Kevin has lived at artist residencies in <u>Serbia</u>, <u>Finland</u>, <u>France</u>, <u>Denmark</u>, <u>Japan</u>, and <u>Brazil</u>, documenting his travel with indepth dialogues published by <u>The Miramichi Reader</u>, <u>Centred Magazine</u>, <u>The Seaboard Review</u>, <u>Parrot Talks</u>, and as *Craft*, *Consciousness: Dialogues about the Arts* (<u>Guernica Editions</u>, 2027 vol. i & 2028 vol. ii).

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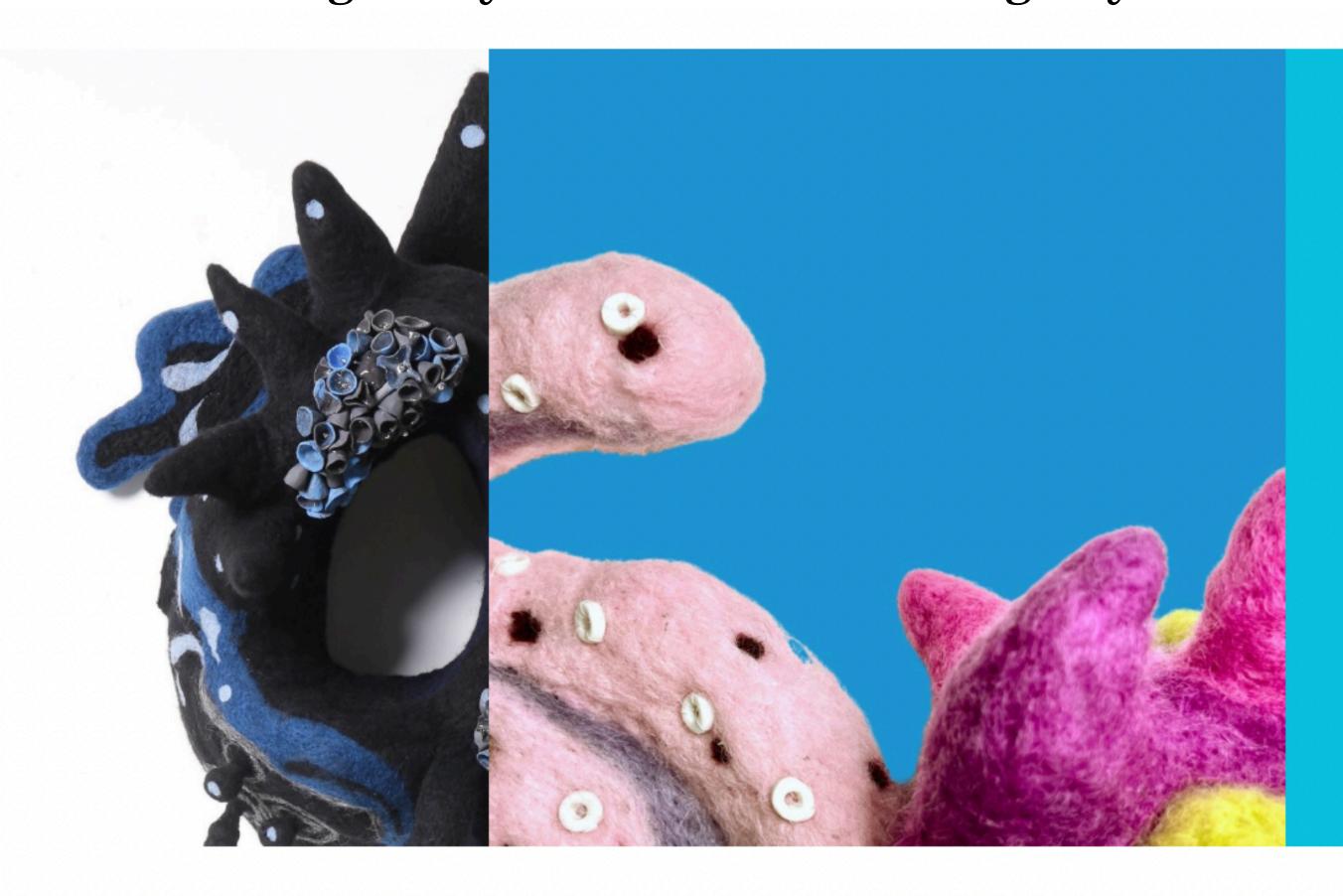
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## of and (with Leslie Putnam, Centre [3], Spring 2025)

Text like this is often written hard to understand. Big words, clusters of letters. And maybe, on accident, they were chosen to exclude smaller words, quiet, out-of-the-way, simple ones. of and is just a couple words. You and me. Be here now. You are welcome. If you feel like it, if you're able to, you can make a sound, or touch the art, or cuddle it, or stim, or take a medication, or yell, or say a bad word, or pray, or say hi to your grandma. There is mystery here but there are no secrets. There is no right way, and there is no wrong way, to be here now.











Through his indie film company <u>Astoria Pictures</u>, Heslop has directed and produced 16 award-winning short films like this one, and annually represents publishers like Gordon Hill Press, Palimpsest Press, Invisible Publishing, and The Porcupine's Quill at festivals like TIFF and Forest City Film Festival to support the adaptation of their IP to the screen.



With Canadian producer Greg Hemmings, Heslop is currently developing a debut television series, **Death Doctor**, about Canada's first MAiD doc; with British producer Kate Kenyon, a parodic, dystopian, short-form, television news series; and with Brazilian producer Claudio Kahns, a debut feature film, **The Phoenix**, about Teatro Oficina founder Zé Celso.

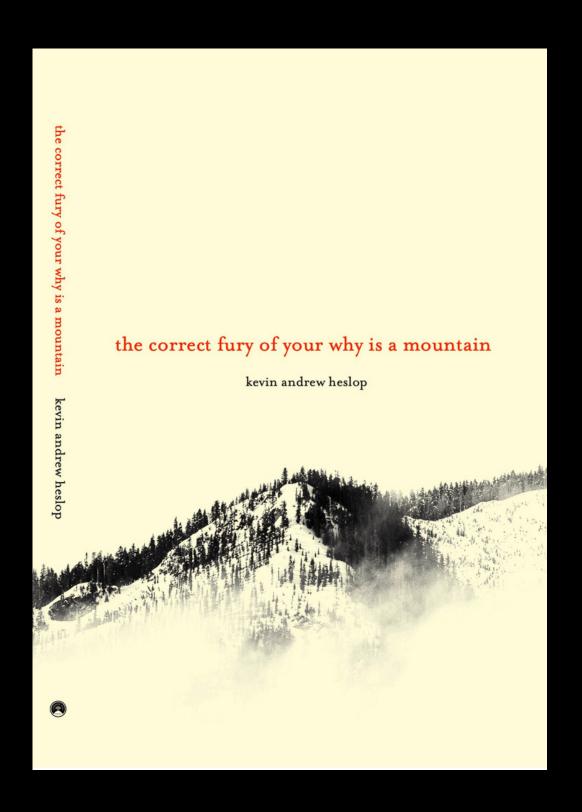




Adapting the sepulchral installation of McIntosh Gallery, <u>six feet | between us</u>, this wabi-sabi-inspired work eroded throughout the month of May 2022 as a meditation on material and aesthetic impermanence and the social disintegration caused by human response to the 2020 coronavirus pandemic.

"My thanks for *The Correct Fury*, which I have read with admiration."

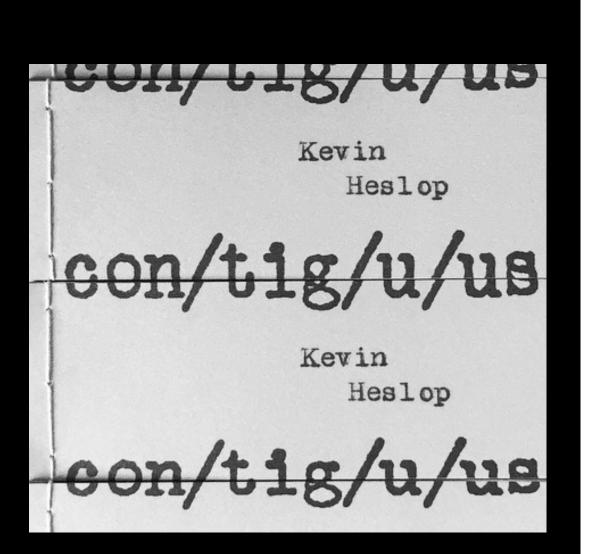
— 2003 Nobel Prize in Literature Laureate John M. Coetzee

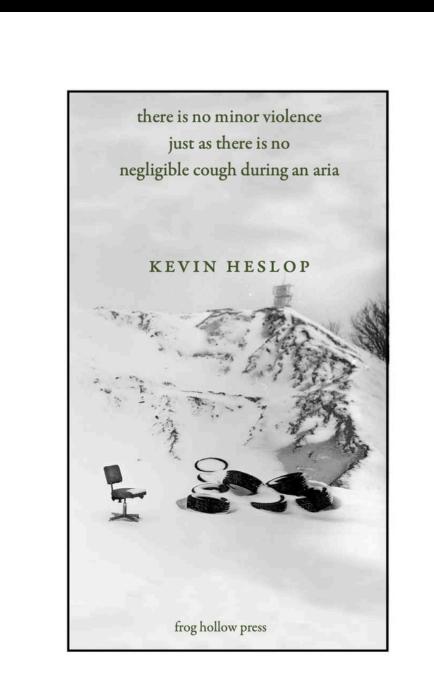


"I didn't get all the words in this but it seems like he knows what he's doing." — Dan

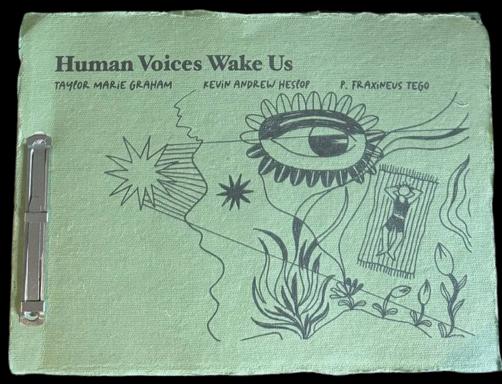
"No poet, no lover of poetry, should be without this astonishingly inspired, and inspiring, collection." — Governor General's Award-Winner Arleen Paré

# Also from Heslop ...









"Because Kevin's own mind and work are expansive – so was the process. Because he is skilled, incisive, and compassionate – so was his feedback." – author of *Python Love*, Dr. Shannon Arntfield

Working with Kevin has undoubtably made me a better writer." - actor, Jack Copland

"The possibilities Kevin sees in my work open up space for me to play in, and my writing becomes both more precise and more expansive in response to his unwaveringly detailed, sensitive, and thoughtful feedback." - author of <u>remnants</u>, Dr. Shelly Harder

"Kevin Heslop is, beyond his capacities as a poet, a master in the art of the workshop." — author of <u>nature</u>: <u>nurture</u>, Dr. David Janzen

"Kevin Andrew Heslop is detail-oriented and thorough, yes; he's appropriately gentle with his criticisms, yes; he's attuned to the rhythm of the sentence, yes—he's everything one should expect a professional writer, reader, and editor to be. But he also senses intuitively where your work is going and provides suggestions that feel like they came straight out of your own head." – author of *Cicada Summer*, Erica McKeen

praise for Kevin as a workshop leader