



BURNING THE EVIDENCE

Poetry by Todd Cirillo

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Todd Cirillo's book *Burning the Evidence* is filled with snapshot observations from his Polaroid eye for detail, thieves' ear for dialogue, and optimistic attempts at love and affection in all situations. Cirillo accomplishes a rare feat; he makes poetry relatable and accessible to every person. In these poems, he lays his heart bare on the bar, sometimes stupidly, other times sacrificially, but always sincerely. Some poems are punches to the gut, others are chocolates on the pillow or the last glimpse of red taillights fading away. Despite the disasters in life and love, Cirillo finds beauty "forever shining down on the whole filthy set up" and after reading this book, you will too.

"Ladies, if he holds your hair while kneeling over the porcelain, seat up – it could be love. If he offers you another beer after, consider it a marriage proposal. These are the things Cirillo knows best: wild nights, broken hearts, and how to treat the ladies. And in the morning, you can always Burn the Evidence..."

– Bill Gainer, *LIPSTICK AND BULLET HOLES*

*Language chiseled onto the page and wholly accessible. Todd Cirillo is a poet of unmistakable voice--tough but capable of tenderness. Much loss and heartbreak are in evidence here ("the savage mutin(ies) of the heart"), plus acknowledgement that, in the end, "the world always gets the biggest share of the loot" (*Burning the Evidence*), but no resignation or self-pity. Defiance is the keynote – and victory: the victory that is the poems themselves.*

– Wayne F. Burke, *DICKHEAD*

"Like the great Bill Gainer, Todd Cirillo says more in a few words than most of us can say in volumes. This book is full of love, heartbreak, music and the occasional watering hole. Cirillo doesn't just burn the evidence, he lights up the night sky with it, baring his heart, like a neon highway sign, beating 24/7 – with words."

– John Dorsey, *TOMBSTONE FACTORY*

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