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“In The Portable February sometimes an entire microscopic cultural-historical moment, if not a whole life, seems encapsulated in one panel, a handful of sentences.” —Ed Park, *The Poetry Foundation*

About the Author

David Berman

is a singer-songwriter and former frontman for the band Silver Jews. He is the author of the poetry collection *Actual Air* and his cartoons have appeared in periodicals such as the *Baffler*, the *Believer*, the *Minus Times*, and *Moonlit*. He lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

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