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Heart Murmurs – Poems **By John A. Vanek**

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In Praise of *Heart Murmurs*:

“What I like most about the poems in John Vanek's first collection is his commitment to the poetics of clarity. Things are said straight in these poems.”
—Bruce Weigl, Pulitzer Prize nominee, Pushcart Prize winner, and author of *Song of Napalm*.

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John (Jack) Vanek was born and raised in Cleveland, graduated from Case Western Reserve University and the University of Rochester School of Medicine, trained at University Hospitals and the Cleveland Clinic, and practiced medicine in Lorain County. He has published four dozen poems, won numerous awards, and read his work at the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library in Texas, the Akron Art Museum in Ohio, and Eckerd College in Florida. This is his first book.

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