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Robert Hershon, born and raised in Brooklyn, is a poet and the author of thirteen books.

He has published thirteen books of poetry. Most recently, "Goldfish and Rose" (2013); Into the Punch Line: Poems 1984-1994 (1994), The German Lunatic (2000), and Calls from the Outside World (2006). His work has appeared in the American Poetry Review, Poetry Northwest, the World, Michigan Quarterly, Ploughshares, and The Nation, among many others.

He is also the recipient of various awards, including two creative writing fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. He worked as the executive director of the Print Center and is a co-editor of Hanging Loose Press and Hanging Loose magazine in Brooklyn, NY. He has edited various collections, including Smart Like Me and Shooting the Rat, collections of High School writing.

He lives in Brooklyn, NY, with his wife Donna Brook. He has two grown children, Elizabeth and Jed.

# Sentimental Moment Or Why Did The Baguette Cross The Road?

Don't fill up on bread  
I say absent-mindedly  
The servings here are huge

My son, whose hair may be  
receding a bit, says  
Did you really just  
say that to me?

What he doesn't know  
is that when we're walking  
together, when we get  
to the curb  
I sometimes start to reach  
for his hand

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