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Poetry

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Fiction

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Artists & Photographers

CHRISTOPHER FLINCHPAUGH was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1962, during the same week the Cuban Missile Crisis filled the churches. Of his photography, he writes, "I photograph people and things to understand them. I understand the people and things aren't what they pretend to be—that compromise and paradox and unintended irony underlie most public displays." He currently works at a nursery in Missoula and plans to enter an MFA program in Photography at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the fall. BEV BECK GLUECHERT completed her MFA in printmaking last June at UM. She has worked in the human services field for seven years and says that her recent work "reflects human dynamics and inter-relationships that are difficult and often traumatic." STEVE SAROFF, whose work appears on the cover of this issue, lives in Missoula where he works as a computer consultant. His photography has appeared in several newspapers and his fiction has been published in small magazines and twice in Redbook. He is a former staff member of CutBank.

Book Reviewers

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My Father Teaches Me to Fly

I am old enough to know it is not possible, but the wind rushing in from the lake lifts my hair, brushes my face like a wing. I feel like I could fly, I say. He grins. Anything is possible, he says.

He says, it's windy enough to fly across the lake. He drapes a towel over my bare shoulders, tells me to flap it like this, and he spreads his great arms out like an eagle, his fingers extended like the wingtips of hawks.

I know if I run fast enough down the dock, I can fly out to the mooring post. His eyes believe in me. I suck in air, flap my wings, and know that I can fly.

From the beach to the end of the dock, it's a 40-foot runway. My father gives me the starting sign and I tear down the dock, straight into the full wind.

I feel my legs pumping, the wind snapping my terry cloth wings, see the grey lake ahead, and I'm off the end, flapping, struggling, willing the wind to pick me up, and I think maybe I fly a few feet, but the cold lake crashes in my ears.

When I come up, my father stands on shore, shaking his head, and the towel weighs me down. He says only one thing: You didn't try hard enough. Zan Bockes