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Contributors' Notes

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Rick DeMarinis has been teaching at the University of Texas, El Paso, since 1988. His most recent books are *The Voice of America*, a collection of short stories, and *The Year of The Zinc Penny*, a novel (both published by W.W. Norton). He is working on a new novel.

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Pesha Gertler is absorbed in plans for a trip to Israel and the Occupied Territories where she will present the music and dance performance of her poem, “Sarah and Hagar,” which contains a matriarchal vision of peace in the Middle East. Meanwhile, she continues to struggle to find the balance between living, writing and teaching.

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