

*praise for* **THE PERSISTENCE OF DESIRE**

"It's the quality of absolute willingness, tenderly and exactly expressed."

—Jaimy Gordon

"It is both excellent and elegant."

—Marilyn Hacker

"These poems are beautiful in their ordinary naturalness and modesty. I like very much their plain language and felicity of phrasing. Perkins' metaphors are striking and unexpected."

—William Bronk

*praise for* **THE GIFT OF CHOICE**

"As to *Gift Of Choice*, Sam's slippery referents connect all sorts of different ways without becoming too slippery to mean anything in particular."

—Thomas M. Disch

"It's a terrific sequence: powerful, subtle, a distinctive, layered narrative. Marvelous."

—David Meltzer

*praise for* **I COULD WALK ALL DAY**

"*I Could Walk All Day* is an astonishing work, extraordinarily accomplished...I don't know when I last read such distilled, focused, graceful, vivid statements in a voice that is utterly wise."

—Burt Kimmelman

"Like a man running through the woods holding a live coal on a plate."

—Robert Bly

"These are poems of deep quiet and slow time; as the poems close their horizon opens and remains with us."

—William Irwin Thompson