

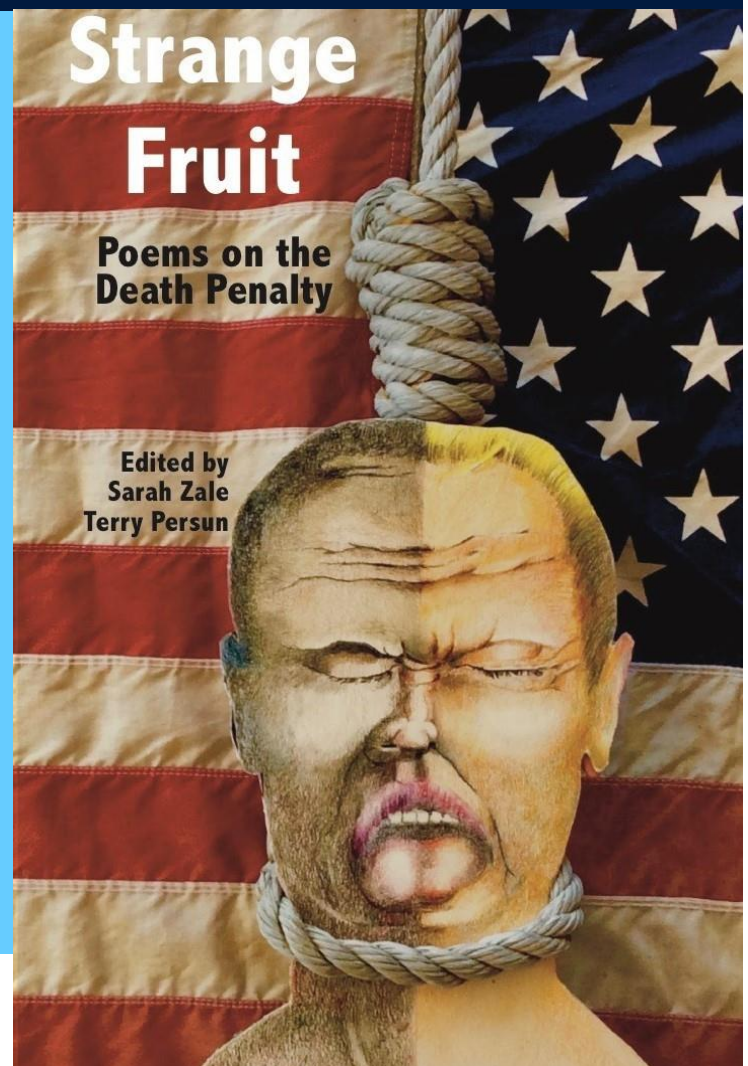
# Poems on the Death Penalty

## POETS:

Norma Bishop,  
Summer Brenner, Sharon Carter,  
Nancy Fowler, Ed Harkness, Terry Persun,  
Sally Hedges-Blanquez, Adria Libolt,  
Esther Altshul Helfgott, Bill Mawhinney,  
Mark Valentine, & Deborah Wiese.

**COVER ARTIST (and poet):**  
James Murphy

**The Elliott Bay Book Company**  
1521 10th Ave, Seattle  
Sunday, November 17, 2019  
3pm



## REVIEWS:

**Felicia Zamora**, Author of *Instrument of Gaps*, writes, "...when the scales we turn to for justice are weighed down and sagging, there is no longer a possibility of balance. It becomes our responsibility to call our laws into question, to demand change. We must acknowledge the words of the dying, 'I am human. I am a human being.' We *all* are human beings, and this book cries out for this to be heard. This book asks each of us to not turn our heads."

**Mike Farrell**, best known as BJ Hunnicutt of M\*A\*S\*H, and president of the board of Death Penalty Focus, an abolition organization based in California, writes, "At first glance, poetry and the death penalty seem an odd pairing. Poetry feeds the soul; executions kill it. But in *Strange Fruit*, the complex web of emotions capital punishment evokes is beautifully rendered. It's an emotional journey that will remind you with each step the urgent need to abolish this horror."