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Showing those entangled hands is  
the work of these poems.



Photo by Janet Wormser

Baron Wormser is the author of twenty books including novels, a memoir, a book of short stories, two coauthored books about teaching poetry and many books of poetry. Essays of his appeared in *Best American Essays* 2014 and 2018. He has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. From 2000 to 2005, he served as poet laureate of the state of Maine and received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from the University of Maine at Augusta. He is the founder of the Frost Place Conference on Poetry and Teaching.

*Baron Wormser beholds the  
world's weariness with a  
thousand-yard stare and an  
eloquence that can spit nails or  
rain feathers.*

—Diana Goetsch



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