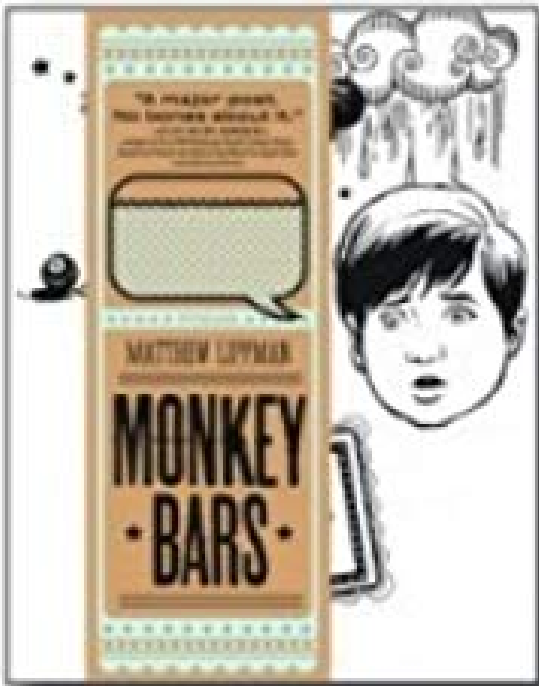


# Monkey Bars



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Following his debut collection, *THE NEW YEAR OF YELLOW* (Sarabande, 2007), Matthew Lippman takes his unmistakable style of poetry through the next evolution.

*MONKEY BARS* reveals a father's "dollar driven" panic—concern about his children growing up in a world without bees and libraries but with too many overmedicated Americans—where Warren Buffett is the only person with any money. Despite the litany of worries, *MONKEY BARS* reveals a deep awe for the human spirit and doesn't hesitate to offer laugh-out-loud moments, as in "Dewey Decimaging," where the narrator suggests morose librarians wary of their future should "drink more beer before work," and, "no one should wear a bra." Without a doubt, Lippman replaces the "blah" in poetry with a brave and silly bite, confirming his voice as a major force in twenty-first-century literature.

*MONKEY BARS* comes in a beautiful hardback edition. The pages are thick and delicious, cut flush with the cover so that it opens perfectly in the palm of your hand. Additionally, each book comes with a letterpress band on the front, designed by the fine folks at The Firecracker Press, who also lightly illustrate this edition inside and out using images inspired by the book itself.