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## Clint Margrave: "The Early Death of Men"

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Clint Margrave lives in Long Beach, CA. His first full-length collection of poems, *The Early Death of Men*, is newly released from NYQ Books. His work has also appeared or is forthcoming in *The New York Quarterly*, *Rattle*, *Ambit (UK)*, *3AM (UK)*, *Pearl*, *Serving House Journal*, *Word Riot*, and *Nerve Cowboy*, among others.

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### The Early Death of Men

*. . .there are tremendous reproductive benefits to being a winner  
and tremendous reproductive penalties for being a loser.*

—David M. Buss

It is said that the male red deer  
grows a large body and antlers  
to endure greater success in mating,  
the very same traits that make it  
vulnerable to an early death.  
Between the ages of 16-28  
the human male has a mortality  
rate nearly 200 percent higher  
than the female, stemming from  
his own evolved sexual psychology,  
a result of the fierce competition for a mate.  
Not unlike the red deer,  
the human male who risks the most,  
experiences the greatest reproductive outcome,  
and is, therefore, most likely to avoid  
that lonesome punishment we call  
*longevity*.

(This poem appears in his first collection of poetry, *The Early Death of Men*, published by NYQ Books.)

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