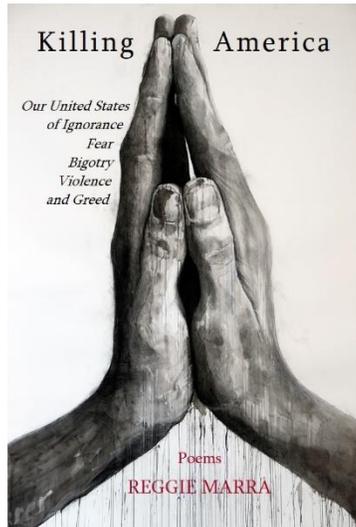


Connecticut Poet's [Killing America](#) on Its Way to Washington D.C.

Litchfield, CT – September 4, 2018 – One copy of *Killing America: Our United States of Ignorance, Fear, Bigotry, Violence and Greed*, Reggie Marra's fourth volume of poems, was mailed today to every U.S. Senator, Representative, Supreme Court Justice, the President, and Vice President.



The book captures a snapshot of America's late-20th and early 21st-century culture of violence, and the complementary ignorance, fear, bigotry and greed that both lead to and result from this violence. Endorsed by educators, military officers, and law enforcement/counter-terrorism personnel – all of whom are also parents, the poems grieve the children and adults lost to the country's mass and individual shootings and military personnel and foreign citizens lost to acts of war and terror, while indicting the elected and appointed leaders who refuse to put their country ahead of their respective parties.

"Reggie Marra's poetry is both raw and sobering, highlighting how violence changes everything it 'touches' either by design or default, whether we are participants or spectators.... Violence exists on a spectrum...and each of us is responsible for the violence we commit anywhere on that spectrum.... which, though it can't be eliminated, can be minimized, if understood. This book helps us do that."

- Bob Killackey, Marine Infantry Officer, Combat Veteran, Husband, Parent, now Public High School Teacher

"....Reggie Marra's searing, soul-screaming poetry addresses the wielding of power within a democracy: what if the enemy is not from without, but within?Reggie's agonizing and precise language describes the carnage resulting from America's efforts to destabilize dictatorships in Iraq or terrorists in Afghanistan, while shining an unbearable light on the victims of a million American bullets, of children dead, communities ravaged, and families of color pillaged by a virulent strain of America's unrelenting and targeted war on their men...."

- Joan Hurley, 2008 Connecticut Teacher of the Year, Mother

"*Killing America* chills me, even after 25 years as a police officer and 15 years in counter terrorism. We don't see all sides of the violence we fight against, and these poems take no sides. Reggie Marra exposes the pain felt by fellow humans, the challenges we face when we take sides, and the compassion we need to see each other's pain."

- Christopher Rogers, Father, Husband, Retired Peace Officer and Bomb Technician

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