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... He is grand, serene and full of wild indifference—my breath carries the scent
Of something animal killed and eaten
Blood around the lips, heavy-eyed.
—“Mountain Lion”

So that now, when I reread, the letters and words appear slain upon
the pages of this volume of poetry in another story left there in traces
to punctuate the air like a vaporized thing—hanging like a scent in the
very air of vanishing into a metaphor’s wild sheen .... Words and letters
have vanished into the image this poetic language stories. Only poetry
hangs in the air.
—From the Preface by Stephanie Pope (www.mythopoetry.com)