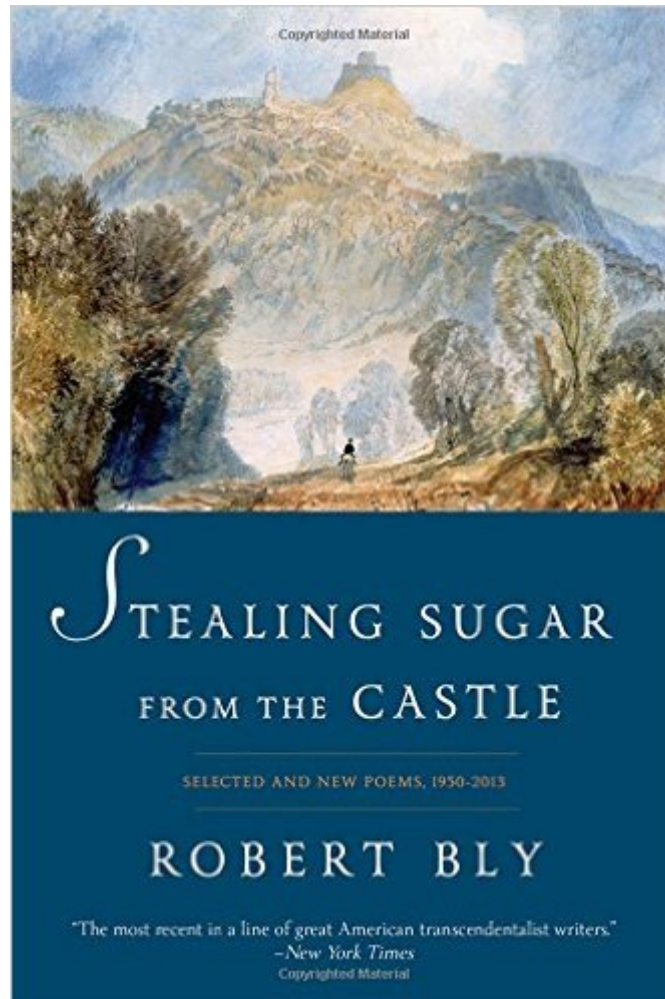


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# Stealing Sugar From The Castle: Selected And New Poems, 1950-2013



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