

# TREES OF LIFE AND SHADE

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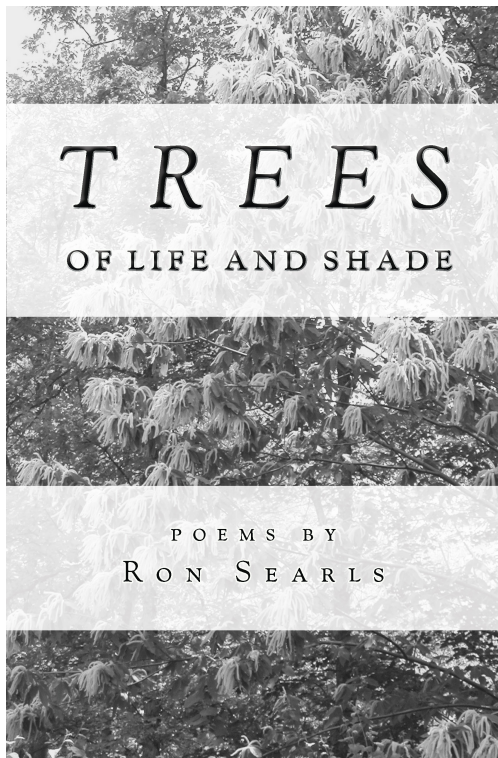
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"Not a book to race through but rather one to savor, Ron Searls' *Trees of Life and Shade* includes both formal and free verse poems about trees, yes, but also poems about the Internet, volcanoes, cancer and T-cell counts, a Chinese pillow, Chopin, a dreaming cello, a puppet like a poem, myth, indeed the whole wild cosmos spinning with ants and termites to stars and planets. The collection is music in both subject and sound. 'Holographic cities pulse on the skins of brown onions.' I think of Baudelaire or maybe Walt Whitman on a cosmic scale." -*Elizabeth Bodien, author of Blood, Metal, Fiber, Rock and Oblique Music: A Book of Hours, and Journeys with Fortune*

"As few others are, these poems are intent on the recovery from past concealments of self-encounters which bring us face to face with the full wonders he's coaxed from nocturnes, seasons, aubades, laments, exotic cafes, Mnemosyne, herself, cancer and even the internet."

-G. E. Schwartz, author of *Only Others Are, World, and Thinking in Tongues*

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Ron Searls' poems have been published in *The Lyric Magazine*, *Verse Virtual*, and by Indolent Books' online project "HIV Here and Now." He is a recently retired software engineer. His last project was co-founder of Nanigans, Inc., an adtech startup. Before he retired, he remembered that he hadn't graduated from MIT, re-enrolled, and finished with the class of 2015.

