

Michael McClure

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**Michael McClure reads from his new UC Press collection
Of Indigo and Saffron: New and Selected Poems
edited by Leslie Scalapino**

This essential collection of Michael McClure's poetry contains the most original, radical, and visionary work of a major poet who has been garnering acclaim and generating controversy for more than fifty years. Ranging from *A Fist Full*, published in 1957, through *Swirls in Asphalt*, a new poem sequence, *Of Indigo and Saffron* is both an excellent introduction to this unique American voice and an impressive selection from McClure's landmark volumes for those already familiar with his boldly inventive work. One of the five poets who heralded the Beat movement in the 1955 Six Gallery reading in San Francisco, McClure reveals in his poetry a close kinship to Romanticism, Modernism, Surrealism, and Japanese haiku. These poems—grounded in imagination and a profound regard for the natural world—chart a poetic landscape of utter originality.

