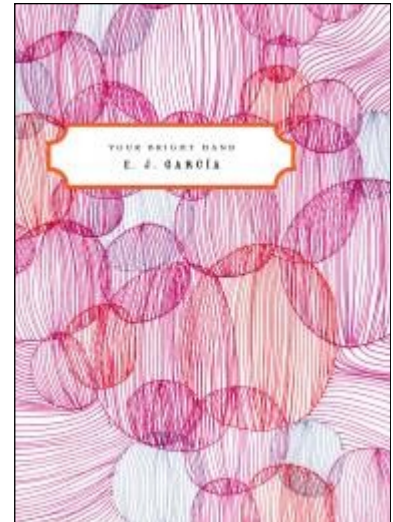


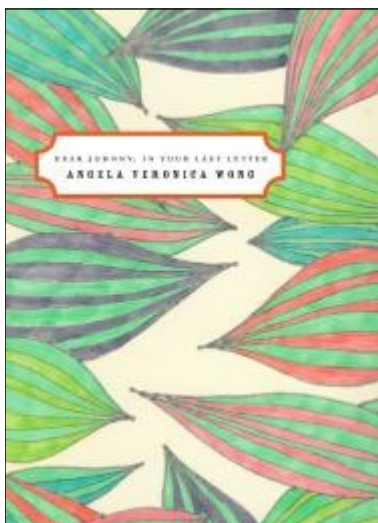
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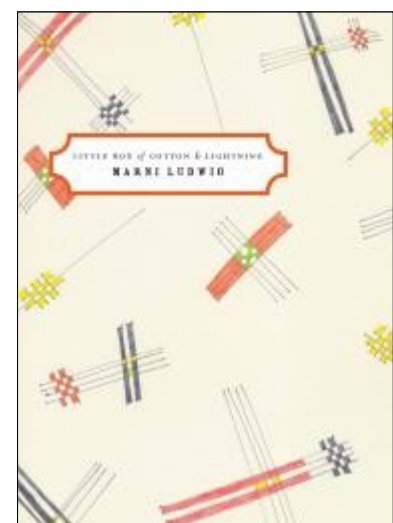
Centuries ago, when many citizens did not have access to books, peddlers, known as chapmen, would carry their wares through towns, including small books of drawings, jokes, poetry and other writings. These books came to be known as chapbooks.

Chapbooks are now one of the most widely-accepted forms in which contemporary poetry is published. The prolific combination of desktop publishing programs and high-quality digital printing has given millions of people the ability to affordably publish a small book of poetry, prose, or anything else they desire (though poetry chapbooks have dominated the field for decades).

Some chapbooks are issued in limited runs, often signed in the case of more famous writers. This has led to a lively trade in antiquarian and modern collectable chapbooks, and today these slender tomes are appreciated by readers of every class—something the simple chapman, peddling his wares through the English countryside, would have never have imagined centuries ago.



**What will you  
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