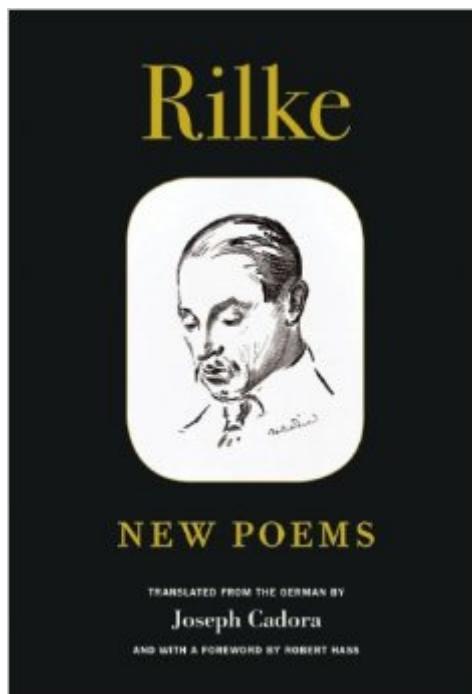


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The Panther

From endless passing of the bars
his gaze has wearied; there is no more it can hold. There seem to be a thousand bars
always, and past those thousand bars there is no world. The soft pad of his brawny, rippling
pace turns itself in a tightening circle till, like a mighty dance around a tiny space, it centers a numb
but still enormous will. But at times the shades of his pupils rise, grasping an image he cannot
resist; through his tense, unmoving limbs it flies, and within his heart it ceases to exist.

Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926) is one of the world's most beloved poets. Joseph Cadora is a guitarist, writer, and translator. He lives in Berkeley, California.

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