

Ben Fama

Fantasy

Ben Fama's *Fantasy* asks how to live in a world where intimacies are the product of global technologies, when humanity is close to burnout, when the value of one's own labor is as inconclusive as the profits of human connection.

// Fama uses his poetic intelligence to override dilemmas of understanding, and agitate all our ADLs (activities of daily living)—no small task for these overripe poetic times.”

— KIM ROSENFELD

// How did Fama invent a tone so perfect and icy, so equal to our times?

— WAYNE KOESTENBAUM

// The poems here just keep going. They keep going to work. They plan what to do when one encounters an active shooter situation. Sort of. Because there is no plan really that makes sense except maybe to keep showing up to work stoned.

— JULIANA SPAHR



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