

BENJAMIN VOGT



From Oklahoma to Minnesota, Ohio to Nebraska, Vogt traces his life through the echo of his ancestors who settled the southern Plains in the 1800s. With poems based on black and white family photographs, past stories seep out from the worn edges. In a rich array of forms and evocative imagery, the poems in *Afterimage* reach through prairie history until grass becomes skin, and light becomes shadow.

Benjamin Vogt's rich, transporting gift is to see deeply, generously considering moments and scenes that preceded and sustain the lives we know, to dig curiously and calmly, alert for clues and remnants -- to harvest more than any seed promised.

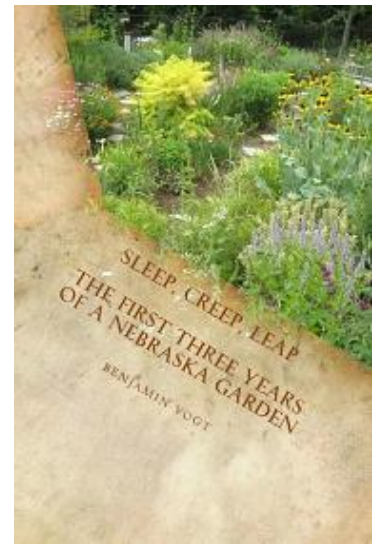
-- Naomi Shihab Nye

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Peeling off sheets of skin from a sunburned back. Spending \$1,000 at five nurseries in an afternoon. Raising 200 monarch butterflies. How one piece of mulch can make all the difference. These are the stories of Benjamin Vogt's 1,500 foot native prairie garden. After a small patio garden at his last home teases him into avid tinkering, the blank canvas of his new marriage and quarter acre lot prove to be a rich place full of delight, anguish, and rapture in all four seasons.

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-- Amy Stewart

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Benjamin Vogt has a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and an M.F.A. from The Ohio State University. He's received several awards and fellowships for his writing, and nominations in two genres for the Pushcart Prize. His nonfiction and poetry have appeared in over fifty journals, newspapers, anthologies, and textbooks, including *American Life in Poetry*, *Crab Orchard Review*, *Creative Nonfiction*, *Diagram*, *ISLE*, *Orion*, *Puerto del Sol*, *Sou'wester*, *Subtropics*, *The Sun*, and *Verse Daily*. Benjamin blogs at *The Deep Middle* about writing and his award-winning 1,500 foot native prairie garden. He lives in Lincoln, Nebraska with his wife, where he is a board member with Wachiska Audubon and owns Monarch Gardens, a landscape consulting service focusing on sustainable and organic native plant design.